



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

**HEARING ON AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 (PLANNING
AND ZONING) RELATING TO VERTICAL MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS
AND JOINT LIVE AND WORK UNITS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Consider the attached Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process, find on the basis of the whole record before the Board that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment, find that the Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board, and adopt the Negative Declaration;
2. Approve the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission as reflected in the attached draft ordinance amending the provisions applicable to vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units in commercial zones, and determine that it is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan and the County's Strategic Plan;
3. Instruct County Counsel to prepare an ordinance to amend Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code as recommended by the Commission and include any changes directed by the Board.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The proposed County Code amendments were prepared in response to the Regional Planning Commission's motion on September 27, 2006. The motion instructed the

Department of Regional Planning to make changes in the County Code that implement the recommendations made to the Board of Supervisors in a report on September 15, 2005 on options for modifying the County's commercial zones for allowing residential and mixed use projects through an administrative procedure. The Commission also directed the staff to consider opportunities for joint live and work units.

JUSTIFICATION

The proposed ordinance modifies basic commercial zones that currently allow multifamily residential uses with a conditional use permit (C-H Commercial Highway, C-1 Restricted Commercial Business, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial and C-M Commercial Manufacturing), to allow vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units that comply with specified use exceptions, development standards and performance standards, through a director's review, which is a ministerial, administrative procedure.

There continues to be a housing shortage in Los Angeles County, which adversely affects housing affordability for all of Los Angeles County's residents. The widespread lack of permanent housing speaks to the importance of local strategies, such as vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units in commercial zones, which encourage a diversity of housing types for different needs and levels of income.

In the recent General Plan Annual Progress Report to the State in March 2007, the County reported meeting only 49% of its mandated regional housing goals over an eight year period. The proposed ordinance is consistent with the County's continued efforts to address the countywide housing crisis, which affects housing prices and rents, businesses and the quality of life of residents in the unincorporated areas. In addition, with its focus on vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units, the proposed ordinance ensures that the commercial uses and character of the commercial zones are preserved.

The Third Revision of the Housing Element of the Countywide General Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 23, 2001. The Housing Element identifies mixed uses in commercial zones as a means for promoting the production of housing toward meeting regional housing needs within the unincorporated area.

In addition, the proposed ordinance is compatible with and supportive of the policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan, the Community and Area Plans, and other policies of the Los Angeles County Housing Element in that it promotes the efficient use of land, provides flexibility in land use, revitalizes declining commercial areas, and streamlines the housing development process in Los Angeles County.

Furthermore, vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units are consistent with smart growth principles and have been shown to provide development that is more compatible than typical commercial development, enhance property values, and reduce traffic by providing housing conveniently located near employment opportunities, shopping and local services.

DRP staff surveyed other local jurisdictions and found that the proposed ordinance provisions are comparable to what other communities already allow.

IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTYWIDE STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The proposed amendments promote the County's strategic planning goals of "service excellence" by developing clear and reasonable requirements and standards that housing developers can accomplish. The goal of "organizational effectiveness" is also promoted by providing continuous quality improvements to our services.

FISCAL IMPACT

Implementation of the proposed amendments will not result in any significant new costs to the Department of Regional Planning or other County departments. There are existing fees that are intended to recover the full cost for services provided in reviewing and evaluating projects subject to this proposed ordinance.

FINANCING

The amendments will not result in additional net County costs, and therefore a request for financing is not being made at this time.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On April 11, 2002, at the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Regional Planning (DRP), Department of Public Works, Community Development Commission and the Fire Department made recommendations to the Board to address unnecessary regulatory barriers to residential development, including the modification of commercial zones to allow residential development through a director's review. In August 2003, the Los Angeles County Housing Advisory Committee report, *Interim Report: Initial Recommendations To Increase Housing Production in the Unincorporated Area*, echoed this recommendation as a strategy for streamlining the process for residential development.

On June 21, 2005, the Board of Supervisors instructed the DRP to report back on options for modifying the County's commercial zones for allowing residential and mixed use projects through an administrative procedure, including provisions for maintaining the commercial uses along the County's major commercial corridors.

On September 15, 2005, the DRP reported back to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to consider a two-step approach for residential and mixed use projects through an administrative procedure: 1) instruct the DRP to prepare a countywide ordinance to modify some or all of the commercial zones to permit vertical mixed use development through a director's review and include standards that will ensure the compatibility of uses and the creation of neighborhood-friendly mixed use buildings; and 2) instruct the DRP to review areas covered by community plans and community standards districts, upon completion of the ordinance, in order to apply a community-based approach to allow residential-only development in commercial zones through a director's review, where appropriate.

The proposed ordinance introduces two new sections— Part 18 (Mixed Use Developments) and Part 19 (Joint Live and Work Units)—in Chapter 22.52, to implement use exceptions, development standards and performance standards for vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units allowed through a director's review.

The proposed ordinance discourages mixed use projects in any of the following areas: Significant Ecological Area (SEA); Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA); Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone; on land with a slope of 25% or more; and on land not served by a public water and sewer system.

The proposed ordinance provides the basic foundation for regulating mixed use projects in commercial zones and provides important flexibility to address the diverse housing needs and markets of the unincorporated areas. The proposed ordinance does not supersede community-level provisions in Title 22, including community standards districts and transit oriented districts.

The Regional Planning Commission conducted a public hearing regarding the proposed County Code amendments on April 25, 2007. The Commission heard testimony from two individuals in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

A public hearing is required pursuant to Section 22.16.200 of the County Code and Section 65856 of the Government Code. Required notice must be given pursuant to the procedures and requirements set forth in Section 22.60.174 of the County Code. These procedures exceed the minimum standards of Section 6061, 65090 and 65856 of the Government Code relating to notice of public hearing.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the proposed ordinance will not significantly impact County services.

EXEMPTION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The proposed ordinance amendments constitute a regulatory action that may have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The attached Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before your Board, that the adoption of the proposed ordinance amendments will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, in accordance with Section 15070 of the State CEQA guidelines, a Negative Declaration was prepared.

A copy of the proposed Negative Declaration was transmitted to 85 public libraries for public review. Public notice was published in 11 newspapers of general circulation not later than March 26, 2007, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092. No comments on the proposed Negative Declaration were received during the public review period.

Based on the attached Negative Declaration, adoption of the proposed ordinance amendments will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING



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Attachments:

1. Resolution of the Regional Planning Commission
2. Project Summary
3. Recommended Ordinance for Board Adoption
4. Environmental Document
5. Summary of RPC Proceedings
6. Legal Notice of Board Hearing
7. List of Persons to be Notified

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles conducted a public hearing on April 25, 2007 on amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code relating to vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units;

WHEREAS, the Commission finds as follows:

1. There continues to be a housing shortage in Los Angeles County, which adversely affects housing affordability for all of Los Angeles County's residents, a widespread lack of permanent housing with long-term affordability, and a need to develop strategies that encourage a diversity of housing types for different needs and levels of income;
2. Mixed use (commercial/residential) can offer many benefits to communities, such as providing much needed housing in areas that are appropriate to accommodate development, reducing traffic congestion by making amenities and neighborhood-serving commercial uses easily accessible to residential uses, revitalizing declining commercial areas by providing a critical mass of residents to keep commercial areas viable, and promoting the jobs-housing balance;
3. There is a need for a balanced response to the growing housing pressures in Los Angeles County and the need to remove unnecessary regulatory constraints to housing by facilitating multifamily housing opportunities in appropriate areas, while ensuring public health, safety and welfare, and keeping unsustainable, sprawling growth patterns in check;
4. There is a need to address regional housing needs throughout the unincorporated area;
5. The County Zoning Ordinance requires a conditional use permit (CUP) for mixed use (commercial/residential) projects in zones C-H, C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-M;
6. On April 11, 2002, at the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Regional Planning (DRP), Department of Public Works, Community Development Commission and the Fire Department made recommendations to the Board to address unnecessary regulatory barriers to residential development, including to modify the commercial zones to allow residential development through a director's review;
7. On June 21, 2005, the Board of Supervisors instructed the DRP to report back on options for modifying the County's commercial zones for allowing residential and

mixed use projects through an administrative procedure, including provisions for maintaining the commercial uses along the County's major commercial corridors;

8. On September 15, 2005, the DRP reported back to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to consider a two step approach for residential and mixed use projects through an administrative procedure: 1) instruct the DRP to prepare a countywide ordinance to modify some or all of the commercial zones to permit vertical mixed use development through a director's review and include standards that will ensure the compatibility of uses and the creation of neighborhood-friendly mixed use buildings; and 2) instruct the DRP to review areas covered by community plans and community standards districts, upon completion of the ordinance, in order to apply a community-based approach to allow residential-only development in commercial zones through a director's review, where appropriate;
9. On September 27, 2006, the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) directed the DRP staff to prepare the draft ordinance that considers recommendations in the Board report, as well as opportunities for joint live and work units;
10. On April 25, 2007, the RPC held a public hearing to consider the draft mixed use ordinance, received testimony from two persons in opposition to the draft ordinance, and requested staff to prepare a final draft ordinance addressing the changes recommended by staff and additional changes requested by the Commission;
11. The proposed ordinance modifies basic commercial zones that currently allow multifamily residential uses with a conditional use permit (C-H Commercial Highway, C-1 Restricted Commercial Business, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial and C-M Commercial Manufacturing), to allow vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units that comply with specified use exceptions, development standards and performance standards, through a ministerial director's review;
12. The proposed ordinance is designed to work in conjunction with community-level provisions in Title 22, including Community Standards Districts and Transit Oriented Districts;
13. The proposed ordinance would streamline the development review process for modestly-scaled, mixed use projects;
14. The proposed ordinance introduces two new sections— Part 18 (Mixed Use Developments) and Part 19 (Joint Live and Work Units)—in Chapter 22.52, to implement use exceptions, development standards and performance standards for vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units allowed through a ministerial director's review;

15. The proposed ordinance discourages mixed use projects in any of the following areas: Significant Ecological Area (SEA); Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA); Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone; on land with a slope of 25% or more; and on land not served by a public water and sewer system;
16. The proposed ordinance provides the basic foundation for regulating mixed use projects in commercial zones and provides important flexibility to address the diverse housing needs and markets of the unincorporated areas;
17. The proposed ordinance restructures provisions in Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code for ease of use, and amends existing references for internal consistency;
18. The proposed ordinance is compatible with and supportive of the policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan, the Community and Area Plans, and the Los Angeles County Housing Element in that it encourages mixed use projects in commercial areas, promotes the efficient use of land, provides flexibility in land use, and streamlines the housing development process in Los Angeles County;
19. The proposed ordinance is consistent with the goals and policies to promote infill housing, to allow residential uses in commercial zones in conjunction with commercial uses, and to revitalize declining commercial areas;
20. The proposed ordinance represents a balanced strategy for addressing the growing areawide housing shortage, while maintaining the quality of life in the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County;
21. Vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units are consistent with smart growth principles and have been shown to provide development that is more compatible than typical commercial development, enhance property values, and reduce traffic by providing housing conveniently located near employment opportunities, shopping and local services.
22. DRP staff surveyed other local jurisdictions and found that the proposed ordinance provisions are comparable to, and generally more modest than what other communities already allow;
23. An Initial Study was prepared for the draft ordinance amendments in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, which demonstrates that there is no substantial evidence that the amendments will have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, a Negative Declaration was prepared;
24. The RPC considered that mixed use projects are permitted through a ministerial review, provided that they meet all of the use exceptions, development standards and performance standards described in the project. In addition, the RPC

considered that the proposed ordinance clarifies that those mixed use projects that fall outside of those parameters are subject to a discretionary procedure and the appropriate environmental review, which would be evaluated on a project-by-project basis;

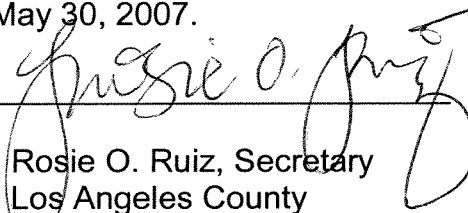
25. The RPC considered that there is research that suggests that mixed use projects exhibit fewer vehicle trips than single-use, free-standing sites, and that travelers' trip-making decisions are influenced by contextual factors, such as density, diversity of uses, etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. That the Board hold a public hearing to consider the proposed ordinance amendments to Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code that would implement a countywide ordinance to modify selected commercial zones to permit vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units through a ministerial director's review;
2. That the Board certify the attached Negative Declaration and find that the proposed amendments to Title 22 will not have a significant effect on the environment;
3. That the Board adopt the revised draft ordinance as recommended by this Commission, amend Title 22 accordingly, and determine that the amendments are consistent with the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on May 30, 2007.

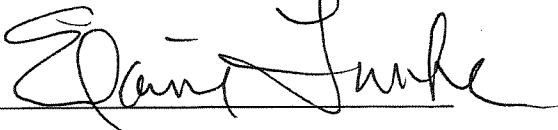
By


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DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:	Proposed amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code relating to vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units in certain commercial zones.
REQUEST:	Adoption of the proposed mixed use ordinance amending Title 22.
LOCATION:	Countywide
STAFF CONTACT:	Ms. Connie Chung at (213) 974-6425
RPC MEETING DATES:	April 25, 2007; May 30, 2007
RPC RECOMMENDATION:	Board public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed mixed use ordinance.
MEMBERS VOTING AYE:	Commissioners Valadez, Bellamy, Helsley, Modugno, and Rew (absent 4/25/07).
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None.
KEY ISSUES:	<p>The proposed ordinance implements recommendations made to the Board of Supervisors, and responds to a directive made by the Regional Planning Commission, to consider options for modifying the County's commercial zones to allow residential and mixed use projects through an administrative procedure.</p>
MAJOR POINTS FOR:	<p>The proposed ordinance offers a balanced response to the growing housing pressures in Los Angeles County by facilitating multifamily housing opportunities in appropriate areas, while ensuring public health, safety and welfare, and keeping unsustainable, sprawling growth patterns in check.</p> <p>Mixed use projects can provide community benefits, such as traffic congestion reduction, an improved jobs-housing balance, and revitalization of declining commercial areas by providing a critical mass of residents to keep commercial areas viable.</p>

Executive Summary for BOS Hearing
Proposed Mixed Use Ordinance

The proposed ordinance is designed to ensure that residential and commercial uses in mixed use projects are compatible via use exceptions, development standards, and performance standards.

MAJOR POINTS AGAINST:

The proposed ordinance is modest in its provisions to encourage mixed use projects in commercial zones.

Replacing the existing discretionary procedure (conditional use permit) with an administrative procedure (director's review) for certain mixed use projects in commercial zones removes the corresponding public hearing and CEQA review requirements.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 22—Planning and Zoning—of the Los Angeles County Code related to mixed use developments and joint live and work units in certain commercial zones.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 22.08.100 is hereby amended to add the definition of the term “joint live and work unit” to the list of terms under the letter “J” in alphabetical order as follows:

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“Joint live and work unit” shall mean a unit comprised of both living space and work space, where a residential use or commercial use can be the primary use, and in which at least one resident of the living space is responsible for the commercial activity performed in the work space.

...

SECTION 2. Section 22.28.050 is hereby amended as follows:

22.28.050 Uses subject to director’s review and approval. If site plans therefor are first submitted to and approved by the director, premises in Zone C-H may be used for:

...

-- Joint live and work units, as provided in Part 19 of Chapter 22.52.

-- Mixed use developments, as provided in Part 18 of Chapter 22.52.

...

SECTION 3. Section 22.28.100 is hereby amended as follows:

22.28.100 Uses subject to director's review and approval. If site plans therefor are first submitted to and approved by the director, premises in Zone C-1 may be used for:

...

B. The following additional uses:

-- Joint live and work units, as provided in Part 19 of Chapter 22.52.

-- Mixed use developments, as provided in Part 18 of Chapter 22.52.

...

SECTION 4. Section 22.28.150 is hereby amended as follows:

22.28.150 Uses subject to director's review and approval. If site plans therefor are first submitted to and approved by the director, premises in Zone C-2 may be used for:

...

B. The following additional uses:

-- Joint live and work units, as provided in Part 19 of Chapter 22.52.

--Mixed use developments, as provided in Part 18 of Chapter 22.52.

...

SECTION 5. Section 22.28.200 is hereby amended as follows:

22.28.200 Uses subject to director's review and approval. If site plans therefor are first submitted to and approved by the director, premises in Zone C-3 may be used for:

...

B. The following additional uses:

-- Joint live and work units, as provided in Part 19 of Chapter 22.52.

-- Mixed use developments, as provided in Part 18 of Chapter 22.52.

...

SECTION 6. Section 22.28.250 is hereby amended as follows:

22.28.250 Uses subject to director's review and approval. If site plans therefor are first submitted to and approved by the director, premises in Zone C-M may be used for:

...

B. The following additional uses:

-- Joint live and work units, as provided in Part 19 of Chapter 22.52.

-- Mixed use developments, as provided in Part 18 of Chapter 22.52.

...

SECTION 7. Section 22.52.1180 is hereby amended as follows:

22.52.1180 Residential uses.

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F. Each joint live and work unit shall have a minimum of two uncovered standard parking spaces.

SECTION 8. Part 18 of Chapter 22.52 Mixed use Developments is hereby added as follows:

PART 18 MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS

22.52.1900 Purpose. The purpose of this Part is to facilitate the establishment of and to ensure the compatibility of residential and commercial uses within mixed use developments through a ministerial procedure.

22.52.1910 Definition. The term “mixed use development” shall mean a development that combines residential and commercial uses.

22.52.1920 Applicability. The provisions provided herein apply to zones C-H (Commercial Highway Zone), C-1 (Restricted Business Zone), C-2 (Neighborhood Business Zone), C-3 (Unlimited Commercial Zone) and C-M (Commercial Manufacturing Zone), with the exception of mixed use developments located in the following: Significant Ecological Area (SEA); Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA); Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone; on land with a slope of 25% or more; and on land not served by a public water and sewer system.

22.52.1930 Use exceptions. The commercial component of a mixed use development consistent with this Part 18 shall not include any of the following uses on the same lot or parcel of land:

-- Adult entertainment/businesses.

-- Air pollution sampling stations.

-- Assaying.

-- Athletic fields.

-- Auction houses.

-- Automobile rental and leasing agencies.

-- Automobile sales.

-- Automobile sightseeing agencies.

-- Automobile supply stores.

-- Automotive and other vehicle repair, services, painting, storage, or upholstery, or the repair of engines, including automobiles, boats, motorcycles, trucks, or recreational vehicles.

-- Bakery goods distributors.

-- Beauty shops.

-- Boat and other marine sales.

-- Boat rentals.

-- Butane and propane service stations.

-- Car washes, automatic, coin operated, and hand wash.

-- Circus.

-- Communications equipment building.

1 -- Correctional institutions.

2 -- Dog kennels.

3 -- Dog training schools.

4 -- Dry cleaning establishments.

5 -- Dry cleaning plants, wholesale.

6 -- Earth stations.

7 -- Electric distribution substations, including microwave facilities.

8 -- Electric transmission substations and generating plants.

9 -- Fraternity and sorority.

10 -- Furniture transfer and storage.

11 -- Gas distribution depots, public utility.

12 -- Gas, industrial, including oxygen, acetylene, argon, carbon dioxide and similar
13 gases in Interstate Commerce Commission approved-type cylinders.

14 -- Gas metering and control stations, public utility.

15 -- Golf course.

16 -- Golf driving ranges.

17 -- Heliport.

18 -- Helistop.

19 -- Hospitals.

20 -- Hotels.

21 -- Ice sales.

22 --Juvenile halls.

23 -- Laboratories, research, and testing.

1 -- Landing strips.

2 -- Laundry plants, wholesale.

3 -- Live entertainment.

4 -- Lodge halls.

5 -- Massage parlors.

6 -- Medical marijuana dispensaries.

7 -- Microwave stations.

8 -- Mobilehome parks.

9 -- Mobilehome sales.

10 -- Mobilehomes for use by a caretaker and his immediate family.

11 -- Mortuaries.

12 -- Motels.

13 -- Motion picture studios.

14 -- Motorcycle, motor scooter, and trail bike rentals.

15 -- Motorcycle, motor scooter, and trail bike sales.

16 -- Nightclubs.

17 -- Oil wells.

18 -- Parcel delivery terminals.

19 -- Pet stores.

20 -- Public utility service yards.

21 -- Radio and television broadcasting studios.

22 -- Recording studios.

23 -- Recreational trailer parks.

1 -- Recreational vehicle rentals.

2 -- Recreational vehicle sales.

3 -- Rental services.

4 -- Rifle, pistol, skeet or trap ranges.

5 -- Self-service storage facilities.

6 -- Sewage treatment plants.

7 -- Shooting galleries.

8 -- Storage or shipping of flammable liquids or hazardous materials beyond that
9 normally associated with a residential use.

10 -- Taxidermists.

11 -- Telephone repeater stations.

12 -- Temporary uses.

13 -- Tire retreading or recapping.

14 -- Tool rentals, including roto-tillers, power mowers, sanders and saws, cement
15 mixers, and other equipment.

16 -- Trailer rentals.

17 -- Trailer sales.

18 -- Travel trailer parks.

19 -- Truck rentals.

20 -- Water reservoirs, dams, treatment plants, gaging stations, pumping stations,
21 tanks, wells and any use normal and appurtenant to the storage and
22 distribution of water.

23 -- Welding, machining, or open flame work.

-- Youth hostels.

22.52.1940 Development standards. Except as specified otherwise herein, mixed use developments, as described in this Part, shall be subject to the development standards in the underlying zone; said development standards may be modified subject to a conditional use permit as provided in Part 1 of Chapter 22.56:

A. Zone specific standards:

1. Zones C-H, C-1 and C-2. The density for residential uses in mixed use developments in zones C-H, C-1 and C-2 shall not exceed 17 dwelling units per net acre.

2. Zones C-3 and C-M.

a. Dwelling unit density. The density for residential uses in mixed use developments in zones C-3 and C-M shall not exceed 50 dwelling units per net acre;

b. Height. Mixed use developments in zones C-3 and C-M may be constructed to a maximum height of 60 feet above grade, excluding chimneys and rooftop antennas.

22.52.1950 Performance standards. Except as specified otherwise herein, mixed use developments, as described in this Part, shall be subject to the any performance standards specified in the underlying zone; the performance standards in subsections A, B and C may be modified subject to a conditional use permit as provided in Part 1 of Chapter 22.56, and the performance standards in subsections D and E may be modified subject to a parking permit

as provided in Part 7 of Chapter 22.56:

A. Mixed use development type.

1. With the exception of entrance hallways for mixed use developments and joint live and work units, commercial and residential uses shall not be located on the same floor.

2. With the exception of joint live and work units, the ground floor space shall be devoted solely to commercial uses.

B. Hours of operation. The hours of operation for commercial uses shall be no earlier than 7:00 a.m. and no later than 10:00 p.m. daily.

C. Trash/recycling. Areas for the collection and storage of refuse and recyclable materials shall be located on the site in locations that are convenient for both the residential and commercial uses. The required trash bin shall not be visible from the street.

D. Loading/unloading.

1. Off-street loading. Off-street loading areas shall not be visible from the street.

2. Loading and unloading of household goods. Where possible, loading areas and trash enclosures shall be located toward the rear of the structure.

E. Parking.

1. With the exception of fully subterranean structures, all parking areas shall:

a. Be located in the rear of the structure(s); and

b. Be completely screened with walls and/or landscaping so that it is not

1 visible from the street that provides frontage, except from the access
2 driveway.

3 2. Separate commercial and residential parking spaces must be provided
4 and specifically designated by posting, pavement marking and/or physical
5 separation.

7 **22.52.1960 Covenant and agreement**

8 The applicant shall record in the office of the county recorder, an agreement in
9 accordance with this Part as a covenant running with the land for the benefit of
10 the county of Los Angeles, and the covenant shall also declare that any violation
11 thereof shall be subject to the enforcement procedures of Part 6 of Chapter
12 22.60.

14 **SECTION 9.** Part 19 of Chapter 22.52 Joint Live and Work Units is hereby
15 added as follows:

17 **PART 19 JOINT LIVE AND WORK UNITS**

18 **22.52.1980 Purpose.** The purpose of this Part is to facilitate the establishment
19 of and to ensure the compatibility of residential and commercial uses within joint
20 live and work units through a ministerial procedure. Joint live and work units may
21 occupy portions of buildings designed for mixed use development.

23 **22.52.1990 Definitions.** The terms “living space” shall mean the area for the
24 residential use and “working space” shall mean the area for the commercial use.

25 **22.52.2000 Applicability.** The provisions provided herein apply to zones
26 C-H (Commercial Highway Zone), C-1 (Restricted Business Zone), C-2
27 (Neighborhood Business Zone), C-3 (Unlimited Commercial Zone) and C-
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1 M (Commercial Manufacturing Zone), with the exception of joint live and
2 work units located in the following: Significant Ecological Area (SEA);
3 Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA); Very High Fire Hazard
4 Severity Zone; on land with a slope of 25% or more; and on land not
5 served by a public water and sewer system.

7 **22.52.2010 Use exceptions.** The commercial component of joint live and work
8 units consistent with this Part 19 shall only include the following uses on the
9 same lot or parcel of land:

11 A. In zones C-H, C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-M:

12 -- Antiques, the restoration of.

13 -- Architecture and building design.

14 -- Art studio, including painting and sculpturing.

15 -- Bookbinding.

16 -- Cartooning and animation.

17 -- Ceramics, the making of.

18 -- Clothing, the design and sewing of.

19 -- Commercial art.

20 -- Costume designing.

21 -- Engraving of metal products.

22 -- Furniture, the crafting and assembly of, including custom upholstering.

23 -- Glass, the hand production of, including glass blowing, glass, crystal, and art
24 novelties, and the assembly of stained art glass.

25 -- Graphic design and display studio.

1 -- Interior decorating.

2 -- Jewelry, the creation of.

3 -- Leatherwork, using previously tanned leather.

4 -- Musical instruments, the creation and assembly of.

5 -- Offices for accountants; attorneys; computer software and multimedia
6 professionals; consultants; insurance, real estate and travel agents; and
7 engineers.

8 -- Ornamental metal, provided that there are no forging works or any process
9 used in bending or shaping.

10 -- Photography studio.

11 -- Picture mounting and framing.

12 -- Pottery, the throwing of.

13 -- Printing and publishing.

14 -- Shoes, footwear, the fabrication of.

15 -- Signs, as provided in Part 10 of Chapter 22.52.

16 -- Silk screen processing.

17 -- Textile weaving, hand looms only.

18 -- Toys, the production of.

19 -- Transcription studios.

20 -- Watchmaking.

21 -- Woodcarving.

22 -- Wood products, the crafting of.

1 B. In zone C-M, in addition to the uses specified in section (A), the following
2 assembly and manufacture from previously prepared materials, and excluding
3 the use of drop hammers, automatic screw machines, punch presses exceeding
4 five tons capacity and motors exceeding one horse power capacity that are used
5 to operate lathes, drill presses, grinders or metal cutters, are permitted provided
6 that all activities are conducted within an enclosed building:

7
8 -- Aluminum products.

9 -- Appliance assembly, electrical, electronic and electromechanical.

10 -- Bone products.

11 -- Canvas products.

12 -- Cellophane products.

13 -- Cloth products.

14 -- Cosmetics, excluding soap.

15 -- Equipment assembly, electrical, electronic and electromechanical.

16 -- Felt products.

17 -- Fur products.

18 -- Glass products and stained-glass assembly, provided no individual crucible
19 shall exceed a capacity of 16 square feet.

20 -- Instrument assembly, electrical, electronic and electromechanical, including
21 precision machine shops.

22 -- Jewelry manufacture.

23 -- Leather products, excluding machine belting.
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-- Metal plating.

-- Metals, working and casting of rare, precious or semiprecious metals.

-- Optical goods manufacture.

-- Paper products.

-- Perfume manufacture.

-- Plastic products.

-- Shell products.

-- Stone products.

-- Textile products.

-- Toiletries, excluding soap.

-- Wicker and bamboo products.

-- Yarn products, excluding dyeing of yarn.

22.52.2020 Development standards. Except as specified otherwise herein, joint live and work units shall be subject to the development standards in the underlying zone; the development standard in subsection A may be modified subject to a conditional use permit as provided in Part 1 of Chapter 22.56 and the development standard in subsection B may be modified subject to a parking permit as provided in Part 7 of Chapter 22.56:

A. Minimum size. The minimum size of a joint live and work unit shall be 1,000 square feet.

B. Parking. Parking for joint live and work units shall comply with the provisions of Section 22.52.1180.

22.52.2030 Performance standards. All joint live and work units shall be

1 subject to the following performance standards; said performance standards may
2 be modified subject to a conditional use permit as provided in Part 1 of Chapter
3 22.56:

4 A. At least one resident of the living space shall perform or oversee the
5 commercial activity performed in the working space.

6 B. Living or working spaces within a joint live and work unit shall not be rented,
7 leased or sold separately.

8 C. The maximum number of employees who do not reside within a joint live and
9 work unit is two.

10 D. Working space shall be located on the ground floor, and the minimum floor
11 area for working space shall be 250 sq. ft.

12 E. Where the joint live and work unit fronts the street, the working space shall be
13 oriented to the street.

14 F. The joint live and work unit shall have at least one shared external
15 entrance/exit for the working space and the living space.

16 G. There shall be direct access between the living space and working space.

17 **22.52.2040 Covenant and agreement**

18 The applicant shall record in the office of the county recorder, an agreement in
19 accordance with this Part as a covenant running with the land for the benefit of
20 the county of Los Angeles, and the covenant shall also declare that any violation
21 thereof shall be subject to the enforcement procedures of Part 6 of Chapter
22 22.60.

22.52.2050 Conversion of uses—Subject to permit. Conversion from a joint live and work unit to a commercial use which is permitted in the underlying zone or to an exclusive residential use shall require a conditional use permit as provided in Part 1 of Chapter 22.56.

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PROJECT NUMBER: _____

CASE: RADVT200600009



***** INITIAL STUDY *****

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

GENERAL INFORMATION

I.A. Map Date: N/A

Staff Member: Connie Chung

Thomas Guide: N/A

USGS Quad: N/A

Location: Countywide

Description of Project: A proposed ordinance amending Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code pertaining to mixed-use projects. The ordinance amendments would modify certain commercial zones to allow mixed use projects (mixed residential and commercial developments and joint live and work units) through an administrative procedure, add development and performance standards for mixed use projects, prohibit or make certain commercial uses, otherwise allowed by-right, subject to permit in mixed use projects, allow certain less intensive commercial uses in joint live and work units, and restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use (a copy of the detailed project description and draft ordinance are attached).

Gross Area: Countywide

Environmental Setting: Countywide (urban, suburban, non-urban, rural)

Zoning: Applicability to all commercially designated areas where multifamily residential uses are permitted (Zones C-H Commercial Highway, C-1 Restricted Business Zone, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial, C-M Commercial Manufacturing).

General Plan: Countywide

Community/Area Wide Plan: Countywide

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Major projects in area:

Project Number

Description & Status

N/A

NOTE: For EIRs, above projects are not sufficient for cumulative analysis.

REVIEWING AGENCIES

Responsible Agencies

- ☐ None
- ☒ Regional Water Quality Control Board
- ☒ Los Angeles Region
- ☒ Lahontan Region
- ☒ Coastal Commission
- ☐ Army Corps of Engineers
- ☒ Caltrans

Trustee Agencies

- ☒ None
- ☐ State Fish and Game
- ☐ State Parks
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Special Reviewing Agencies

- ☐ None
- ☒ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- ☐ National Parks
- ☐ National Forest
- ☒ Edwards Air Force Base
- ☐ Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mtns.
- ☒ SCAG
- ☒ State of California Housing and Community Development Department
- ☒ State of California Office of Planning and Research
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Regional Significance

- ☐ None
- ☒ SCAG Criteria
- ☐ Air Quality
- ☐ Water Resources
- ☐ Santa Monica Mtns Area
- ☐ _____

County Reviewing Agencies

- ☐ Subdivision Committee
- ☒ DPW: Traffic and Lighting, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering, Grading and Drainage, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance.
- ☒ Health Services: _____
- ☒ Fire Department
- ☒ Sanitation Districts
- ☒ Public Library
- ☒ Sheriff
- ☒ Parks and Recreation

IMPACT ANALYSIS MATRIX

		ANALYSIS SUMMARY (See individual pages for details)			
CATEGORY	FACTOR	Pg	Less than Significant Impact/No Impact		
			Less than Significant Impact with Project Mitigation		Potentially Significant Impact
					Potential Concern
HAZARDS	1. Geotechnical	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Flood	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Fire	9	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Noise	10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RESOURCES	1. Water Quality	11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Air Quality	13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Biota	14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Cultural Resources	16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Mineral Resources	17	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6. Agriculture Resources	18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7. Visual Qualities	19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SERVICES	1. Traffic/Access	20	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Sewage Disposal	21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Education	22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Fire/Sheriff	23	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5. Utilities	24	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER	1. General	25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2. Environmental Safety	26	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3. Land Use	28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4. Pop./Hous./Emp./Rec.	29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mandatory Findings	30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DEVELOPMENT MONITORING SYSTEM (DMS)

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As required by the Los Angeles County General Plan, DMS shall be employed in the Initial Study phase of the environmental review procedure as prescribed by state law.

1. Development Policy Map Designation: The ordinance amendments apply Countywide.
2. ☒ Yes ☐ No Is the project located in the Antelope Valley, East San Gabriel Valley, Malibu/Santa Monica Mountains or Santa Clarita Valley planning area?
3. ☐ Yes ☒ No Is the project at urban density and located within, or proposes a plan amendment to, an urban expansion designation?

If both of the above questions are answered "yes", the project is subject to a County DMS analysis.

☐ Check if DMS printout generated (attached)

Date of printout: _____

☐ Check if DMS overview worksheet completed (attached)

*EIRs and/or staff reports shall utilize the most current DMS information available.

Environmental Finding:

FINAL DETERMINATION: On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning finds that this project qualifies for the following environmental document:

☒ NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was determined that this project will not exceed the established threshold criteria for any environmental/service factor and, as a result, will not have a significant effect on the physical environment.

☐ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the changes required for the project will reduce impacts to insignificant levels (see attached discussion and/or conditions).

An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was originally determined that the proposed project may exceed established threshold criteria. The applicant has agreed to modification of the project so that it can now be determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the physical environment. The modification to mitigate this impact(s) is identified on the Project Changes/Conditions Form included as part of this Initial Study.

☐ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT*, inasmuch as there is substantial evidence that the project may have a significant impact due to factors listed above as "significant."

☐ At least one factor has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to legal standards, and has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on the attached sheets (see attached Form DRP/IA 101). The EIR is required to analyze only the factors not previously addressed.

Reviewed by: Connie Chung, AICP, Acting Senior Planning Assistant Date: March 2007

Approved by: Julie Moore, AICP, Supervising Regional Planner Date: March 2007

☐ This proposed project is exempt from Fish and Game CEQA filling fees. There is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have potential for an adverse effect on wildlife or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. (Fish & Game Code 753.5).

☐ Determination appealed--see attached sheet.

*NOTE: Findings for Environmental Impact Reports will be prepared as a separate document following the public hearing on the project.

HAZARDS - 1. Geotechnical**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site located in an active or potentially active fault zone, Seismic Hazards Zone, or Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone?

<u>All of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County lies within a general region of known fault zones and seismic activity (per California Seismic Hazards maps, California Special Study Zones maps, Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Plate 1).</u> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site located in an area containing a major landslide(s)?

<u>There are some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that contain landslides and are not suitable for development (per Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Plate 5).</u> |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site located in an area having high slope instability?

<u>There are some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that have high slope instability and are not suitable for development.</u> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site subject to high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction?

<u>There are some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that contain high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction, and may not be suitable for development (per Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Plates 3 and 4).</u> |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the proposed project considered a sensitive use (school, hospital, public assembly site) located in close proximity to a significant geotechnical hazard?

<u>The project is an ordinance amendment which, if adopted, relates to the development of mixed-use projects, which may be located in close proximity to significant geo hazards.</u> |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Will the project entail substantial grading and/or alteration of topography including slopes of more than 25%?

<u>The project is an ordinance amendment which, if adopted, relates to the development of mixed use projects. These projects may involve grading over slopes of more than 25%.</u> |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

<u>There are some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that contain expansive soil.</u> |
| h. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____ |

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Building Ordinance No. 2225 C Sections 308B, 309, 310 and 311 and Chapters 29 and 70.

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☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size

☐ Project Design

☐ Approval of Geotechnical Report by DPW

The project is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed-use projects. No geology or soils impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed amendments. Subsequent projects proposed as a result of this ordinance will be subject to project-specific environmental review, as appropriate, to determine if they pose any potential impacts to the environment.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, **geotechnical** factors?

☐ Potentially significant

☐ Less than significant with project mitigation

☒ Less than significant/No impact

HAZARDS - 2. Flood

SETTING/IMPACTS

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a dashed line, located on the project site?

<u>There are major drainage courses located within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (per USGS maps).</u> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site located within or does it contain a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone? <u>There are some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that contain a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone (per Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Plate 6).</u> |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site located in or subject to high mudflow conditions?

<u>There are some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that are subject to high mudflow conditions.</u> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project contribute or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from run off?

_____ |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area?

_____ |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors (e.g., dam failure)? _____ |

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Building Ordinance No. 2225 C Section 308A ☒ Ordinance No. 12,114 (Floodways)
☐ Approval of Drainage Concept by DPW

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. Subsequent development projects facilitated by the ordinance may expose more residents to potential flood related hazards in certain areas. These projects will be subject to appropriate environmental review on the project-by-project basis, and their associated impacts analyzed at that time.

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CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by **flood (hydrological)** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

Yes No Maybe

- ## STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

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- MITIGATION MEASURES /
- ☒
- OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. Subsequent projects will be subject to environmental review, as appropriate, to determine if they would cause any potential impacts to the environment or public safety.

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by **fire hazard** factors?

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HAZARDS - 4. Noise**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site located near a high noise source (airports, railroads, freeways, industry)?
<u>New mixed use projects facilitated by the adoption of the ordinance amendments is not expected to generate any noise levels that exceed the standards in the County Noise Ordinance. However, it is possible that the residents, employees and visitors of the mixed use projects could be exposed to excessive noise levels if the projects are built near existing noise sources such as highways, railroads, raceways, airports, or industrial operations.</u> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the proposed use considered sensitive (school, hospital, senior citizen facility) or are there other sensitive uses in close proximity? <u>There are sensitive uses throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.</u> |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project substantially increase ambient noise levels including those associated with special equipment (such as amplified sound systems) or parking areas associated with the project? <u>Although the ordinance will not result in direct increase in ambient noise level, mixed use projects facilitated by the ordinance may increase ambient noise levels as a result of higher density housing in commercial areas, such as traffic, human voices, landscape maintenance equipment, and similar noise generators.</u> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project?
<u>Construction noise from mixed use projects facilitated by the ordinance.</u> |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____ |

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS☒ Noise Ordinance No. 11,778☒ Building Ordinance No. 2225--Chapter 35☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS☐ Lot Size☐ Project Design☐ Compatible Use

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. Projects facilitated by the ordinance could potentially increase land use density and therefore increase project noise level. County Code requirements include noise-sensitive construction methods and other sound attenuation measures, such as the installation of sound walls to protect residents and surrounding uses from these noise impacts. In addition, future projects will be subject to project specific-noise and vibration evaluations during the appropriate environmental review process.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by **noise**?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 1. Water Quality

SETTING/IMPACTS

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site located in an area having known water quality problems and proposing the use of individual water wells?

<u>There are unincorporated areas that are known to have water quality problems.</u> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Will the proposed project require the use of a private sewage disposal system?

<u>Public sewers are not available in all areas of Los Angeles County.</u> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | If the answer is yes, is the project site located in an area having known septic tank limitations due to high groundwater or other geotechnical limitations or is the project proposing on-site systems located in close proximity to a drainage course?

<u>Some unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County have septic system limitations.</u> |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project's associated construction activities significantly impact the quality of groundwater and/or storm water runoff to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving water bodies?

<u>Mixed use projects facilitated by the ordinance may be subject to NPDES requirements.</u> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project's post-development activities potentially degrade the quality of storm water runoff and/or could post-development non-storm water discharges contribute potential pollutants to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving bodies?

<u>Mixed use projects facilitated by the ordinance may be subject to NPDES requirements.</u> |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____ |

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Waste Permit | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Code Ordinance No. 7583, Chapter 5 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plumbing Code Ordinance No. 2269 | <input type="checkbox"/> NPDES Permit Compliance (DPW) |

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lot Size | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Design |
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The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. The proposed amendments do not constitute the proposed construction of a site-specific land use project. Subsequent projects will be subject to environmental review, as appropriate.

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CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, **water quality** problems?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 2. Air Quality**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will the proposed project exceed the State's criteria for regional significance (generally (a) 500 dwelling units for residential uses or (b) 40 gross acres, 650,000 square feet of floor area or 1,000 employees for nonresidential uses)? |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is the proposal considered a sensitive use (schools, hospitals, parks) and located near a freeway or heavy industrial use? |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will the project increase local emissions to a significant extent due to increased traffic congestion or use of a parking structure, or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance? |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Will the project generate or is the site in close proximity to sources which create obnoxious odors, dust, and/or hazardous emissions?

<i>Such sources exist throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.</i> |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? |
| h. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors: _____ |

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS☒ Health and Safety Code Section 40506☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS☐ Project Design☐ Air Quality Report

The project is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. The proposed amendments will not impact any Air Quality issues. Subsequent projects will be subject to environmental review, as appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, **air quality**?

☐ Potentially significant☐ Less than significant with project mitigation☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 3. Biota**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site located within a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer, or coastal Sensitive Environmental Resource (ESHA, etc.), or is the site relatively undisturbed and natural?
Many areas within unincorporated Los Angeles County are relatively natural and undisturbed (per Los Angeles County SEA and ESHA maps).
- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Will grading, fire clearance, or flood related improvements remove substantial natural habitat areas?
New mixed use projects facilitated by the ordinance within very high fire hazard severity zones will require the implementation of a fuel modification.
- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is a major drainage course located on the project site that is depicted on USGS quad sheets by a blue dashed line or that may contain a bed, channel, or bank of any perennial, intermittent or ephemeral river, stream or lake?
New mixed use projects facilitated by the ordinance may be located near a drainage course, particularly as water wells may be located near a source of high ground water (per USGS maps).
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Does the project site contain a major riparian or other sensitive habitat (e.g., coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, sycamore riparian woodland, wetland, etc.)?
New mixed use projects facilitated by the ordinance may be located in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, where riparian or other sensitive habitats are known to exist.
- e. ☐ ☐ ☒ Does the project site contain oak or other unique native trees (specify kinds of trees)?
There are oaks and other unique native trees within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.
- f. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site habitat for any known sensitive species (federal or state listed endangered, etc.)?
There are some unincorporated areas that contain sensitive species.
- g. ☐ ☐ ☒ Other factors (e.g., wildlife corridor, adjacent open space linkage)? _____
There are some unincorporated areas contain valuable wildlife corridors.

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design ☐ Oak Tree Permit ☐ ERB/SEATAC Review

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed-use projects. Future projects may have to perform evaluations for the presence of specific biological resources, conduct tree surveys, or other applicable studies or permits as appropriate to the project site(s).

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CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **biotic resources**?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact



RESOURCES - 4. Archaeological / Historical / Paleontological**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site in or near an area containing known archaeological resources or containing features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees) which indicate potential archaeological sensitivity?
- There are areas that contain known archaeological resources or that contain features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees), which indicate potential archaeological sensitivity within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.*
- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Does the project site contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources?
- There are areas that contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources.*
- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Does the project site contain known historic structures or sites?
- There are areas that contain known historic structures or sites.*
- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in 15064.5?
- _____
- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?
- _____
- f. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design ☐ Phase I Archaeology Report

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. As such, subsequent projects would be reviewed, as appropriate, to determine if they would cause any impacts.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **archaeological, historical, or paleontological** resources?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 5.Mineral Resources**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource discovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? <hr/> |

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any effect on mineral resources. Subsequent projects will be subject to environmental review, as appropriate, to determine if they pose any potential impacts to the environment.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **mineral** resources?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 6. Agriculture Resources**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?
- There is prime farmland in the unincorporated area (Los Angeles County Important Farmland map).
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?
- d. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. The proposed amendments will not, in and of themselves, create an impact to agriculture resources. Subsequent projects facilitated by the ordinance will be subject to environmental review, as appropriate, to determine if they pose any potential impacts to the environment.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **agriculture** resources?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 7. Visual Qualities**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site substantially visible from or will it obstruct views along a scenic highway (as shown on the Scenic Highway Element), or is it located within a scenic corridor or will it otherwise impact the viewshed?
<u>Some unincorporated area of Los Angeles County contains many significant viewshed and scenic resources.</u> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project substantially visible from or will it obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail?
<u>Some areas are visible from regional riding or hiking trail.</u> |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project site located in an undeveloped or undisturbed area, which contains unique aesthetic features?
<u>There are undeveloped or undisturbed area throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.</u> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the proposed use out-of-character in comparison to adjacent uses because of height, bulk, or other features?
<u>The proposed ordinance includes new development standards for mixed use projects in regards to height and density for residential uses in areas where surrounding land uses or existing community were not developed under the same standards.</u> |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Is the project likely to create substantial sun shadow, light or glare problems?
<u>As a result, land use density of a qualified project may increase and/or development standards including setbacks and height restrictions modified. The proposed ordinance includes new development standards for mixed use projects in regards to height and density for residential uses. This may result in higher or massive structures relative to surrounding land uses.</u> |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors (e.g., grading or land form alteration): _____ |

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design ☐ Visual Report ☐ Compatible Use

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. The proposed amendments will not, in and of themselves, create an impact to visual resources. Subsequent projects will be subject to environmental review, as appropriate, to determine if they pose any potential impacts to the environment.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **scenic** qualities?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 1. Traffic/Access**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Does the project contain 25 dwelling units, or more and is it located in an area with known congestion problems (roadway or intersections)?
<u>The development of new mixed use projects, as may be facilitated by adoption of the ordinance amendments, could add incrementally to the overall increase in local traffic. Such impacts can only be addressed on a project-level review.</u> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Will the project result in any hazardous traffic conditions?
_____ |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Will the project result in parking problems with a subsequent impact on traffic conditions?
<u>New construction of mixed use projects could result in parking shortages if parking needs are not adequately assessed and provided for in the project design.</u> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will inadequate access during an emergency (other than fire hazards) result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area?
_____ |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will the congestion management program (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis thresholds of 50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link be exceeded?
_____ |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?
_____ |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____ |

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Project Design ☐ Traffic Report ☐ Consultation with Traffic & Lighting Division

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. While the proposed amendments will create the potential for increased traffic associated with encouraging mixed use projects, the impact associated with the projects will be addressed at the individual project level and will be required to go through environmental review as appropriate. In addition, standard conditions of approval applicable to all development projects include the payment of traffic mitigation fees, which serve to mitigate smaller projects and those determined to have only a generalized, incremental impact on the traffic system.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **traffic/access** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 2. Sewage Disposal

SETTING/IMPACTS

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | If served by a community sewage system, could the project create capacity problems at the treatment plant?
_____ |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create capacity problems in the sewer lines serving the project site?
_____ |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____
_____ |

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Sanitary Sewers and Industrial Waste Ordinance No. 6130
- ☐ Plumbing Code Ordinance No. 2269

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. The proposed amendments may create potential increased service system usage and the impact significant on those systems depend on existing demand and design capacity of such system. Subsequent projects, however, will be required, as appropriate, to go through an environmental review. Additional authorization in district annexation or system improvement may be required.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **sewage disposal** facilities?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 3. Education**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create capacity problems at the district level?

<u>There are known capacity problems within some school districts in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.</u> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create capacity problems at individual schools which will serve the project site?

<u>There are known capacity problems within some individual schools in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.</u> |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create student transportation problems?

<u>The development of new mixed-use projects could create short-term student transportation problems for school districts in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.</u> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create substantial library impacts due to increased population and demand?
<u>The development of new mixed-use projects could create library impacts due to increased population and demand.</u> |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____ |

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Site Dedication ☐ Government Code Section 65995 ☐ Library Facilities Mitigation Fee

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. While the proposed amendments may create additional demand on existing schools and libraries, all projects facilitated by the ordinance will be subject to the same school and library impacts fees as required by Section 65995 of the Government Code and the applicable County ordinance.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **educational** facilities/services?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 4. Fire/Sheriff Services

SETTING/IMPACTS

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project create staffing or response time problems at the fire station or sheriff's substation serving the project site? |

There are areas in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that receive an undesirable level of Fire/Sheriff services.

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|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Are there any special fire or law enforcement problems associated with the project or the general area? |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|

The Sheriff's Department indicates that there is no established financial mechanism to sufficiently support a desirable level of services in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____ |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☒ Fire Mitigation Fees

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. Subsequent projects facilitated by the proposed ordinance, however, will be required, as appropriate, to go through an environmental review.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **fire/sheriff** services?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 5. Utilities/Other Services**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have an inadequate ground water supply and proposes water wells?

There are unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have inadequate groundwater supply.

- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate water supply and/or pressure to meet fire fighting needs?

There are unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County known to have an inadequate water supply and/or water pressure to meet fire fighting needs.

- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project create problems with providing utility services, such as electricity, gas, or propane?

- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Are there any other known service problem areas (e.g., solid waste)?

There is an overall shortage in the County's landfill facilities.

- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services or facilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, roads)?

- f. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

☒ Plumbing Code Ordinance No. 2269

☒ Water Code Ordinance No. 7834

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size

☐ Project Design

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. While the proposed amendments may create potential increased service system usage, it is not expected that the increase would be significant. Subsequent projects will be required, as appropriate, to go through an environmental review to evaluate impacts.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **utilities/services**?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 1. General

SETTING/IMPACTS

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the project result in an inefficient use of energy resources?

- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Will the project result in a major change in the patterns, scale, or character of the general area or community?

The proposed ordinance amendments relating to mixed use projects would encourage additional new dwelling units in commercial zones, but most of the standards would generally conform to the development standards for the underlying zone. Individually and cumulatively, the project could result in changes in the patterns, scale, or character of the general area or community. However, the County could typically expect that mixed use projects would be spread throughout the unincorporated area rather than concentrated in one area, and that the relative change in patterns, scale, or character, would be minimal in relation to the County as a whole.

- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the project result in a significant reduction in the amount of agricultural land?

- d. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

☐ State Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 5, T-20 (Energy Conservation)

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot size ☐ Project Design ☐ Compatible Use

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. Future projects facilitated by this ordinance will be subject to environmental review, as appropriate.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to any of the above factors? _____

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 2. Environmental Safety**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Are any hazardous materials used, transported, produced, handled, or stored on-site?
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- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Are any pressurized tanks to be used or any hazardous wastes stored on-site?
-
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Are any residential units, schools, or hospitals located within 500 feet and potentially adversely affected?
-
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Have there been previous uses that indicate residual soil toxicity of the site or is the site located within two miles downstream of a known groundwater contamination source within the same watershed?
- There are sites with soil toxicity problems and known groundwater contamination sources throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.*
-
- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment involving the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment?
-
- f. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
-
- g. ☐ ☐ ☒ Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or environment?
- There are known "brownfield" sites within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, and future mixed use projects may be built on these sites once site clean-up and the necessary site remediation are completed.*
-
- h. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project result in a safety hazard for people in a project area located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip?
-
- i. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?
-
- j. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Toxic Clean up Plan

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. Future projects facilitated by the

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ordinance will be subject to environmental review, as appropriate, on a project by project basis to evaluate site-specific contamination issues, if any.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact relative to **public safety**?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 3. Land Use**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the plan designation(s) of the subject property?
_____ |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the zoning designation of the subject property?
_____ |
| c. | | | | Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the following applicable land use criteria: |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hillside Management Criteria? |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | SEA Conformance Criteria? |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other? _____ |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project physically divide an established community?
_____ |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? _____
_____ |

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. The proposed amendments are intended to facilitate the development of mixed use projects consistent with the General Plan and Housing Element.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **land use** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 4. Population/Housing/Employment/Recreation

SETTING/IMPACTS

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections? |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project induce substantial direct or indirect growth in an area (e.g., through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)? |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project displace existing housing, especially affordable housing? |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Could the project result in a substantial job/housing imbalance or substantial increase in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)? |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Could the project require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents?
<i>New mixed use projects could require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents.</i> |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other factors? |

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The proposal is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it relates to mixed use projects. Although the proposed amendments may create the potential demand for additional employment opportunities and recreational facilities, it is not expected that the increase will be significant. Future mixed use projects will be required to go through the appropriate environmental review, as appropriate, to evaluate any impacts to population, housing, employment, and recreational facilities.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **population, housing, employment, or recreational** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made:

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does the project have possible environmental effects which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects. |
| <hr/> | | | | |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Will the environmental effects of the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? |
| <hr/> | | | | |

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the environment?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project **RADV T2006-00009** consists of the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code (Planning and Zoning) pertaining to mixed use projects. The amendments to Title 22 modify certain commercial zones (C-H Commercial Highway, C-1 Restricted Business Zone, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial, C-M Commercial Manufacturing) to allow mixed use projects, including mixed-use (residential/commercial) developments and joint live and work units, through an administrative procedure; add development and performance standards for mixed-use projects; prohibit or make certain commercial uses, otherwise allowed by-right, subject to permit in mixed use projects; allow certain less intensive commercial uses in joint live and work units; and restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use.

Adoption of the proposed ordinance will amend, delete, and add sections to the County Code. The County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning has drafted proposed changes to the existing Zoning Ordinance that supports the implementation of programs and policies contained in the adopted General Plan and Housing Element. Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendments will change certain development standards and review procedures within the unincorporated areas. The Zoning Ordinance amendments are considered to be subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the analysis is contained herein.

It is important to note that, while the proposed Title 22 amendments will not result in a physical change to the environment, they would in some cases make the permitting process for conforming projects easier by removing or reducing certain regulatory barriers to specific types of mixed-use projects. However, in most cases, CEQA review of individual proposals on a project-by-project basis will continue to be necessary.

Development and performance standards for mixed-use projects:

In order to restructure the mixed use provisions in the Zoning Ordinance for ease of use, the Zoning Ordinance sections addressing general regulations and standards for mixed-use projects would be integrated into a new Part 18 (Mixed Use Developments) and a new Part 19 (Joint Live and Work Units) of Chapter 22.52.

Use exceptions:

The following uses are prohibited in the proposed ordinance for mixed use developments in certain commercial zones: adult entertainment/businesses; automotive or other vehicle repair, services, painting, storage, or upholstery, or the repair of engines, including automobiles, boats, motorcycles, trucks, or recreational vehicles; air pollution sampling stations; butane and propane service stations; car washes, automatic, coin operated, and hand wash; correctional institutions; dry cleaning plants, wholesale; earth stations; electric distribution substations, including microwave facilities; gas distribution depots, public utility; gas, industrial, including oxygen, acetylene, argon, carbon dioxide and similar gases in Interstate Commerce Commission approved-type cylinders; gas metering and control stations, public utility; hospitals; laundry plants, wholesale; live entertainment; juvenile halls; nightclub; shooting galleries; storage or shipping of flammable liquids or hazardous materials beyond that normally associated with a residential use; telephone repeater stations; welding, machining, or open flame work.

The proposed ordinance subjects the following uses for mixed use developments in certain commercial zones to permit: assaying; auction houses; automobile rental and leasing agencies; automobile sales;

bakery good distributors; boat and other marine sale; communications equipment building; dog training schools; furniture transfer and storage; ice sales; laboratories, research, and testing; lodge halls; mobilehome sales; mortuaries; motion picture studios; motorcycle, motor scooter, and trail bike sales; parcel delivery terminals; radio and television broadcasting studios; recording studios; rental services; recreational vehicle rentals; recreational vehicle sales; trailer rentals, box and utility only; trailer sales, box and utility; taxidermists; tool rentals; truck rentals, excluding trucks with a capacity greater than two tons.

Provided that all development and performance standards for joint live and work units are met, the proposed ordinance permits the following uses for joint live and work units in certain commercial zones: antiques; architecture and building design; art studio, including painting and sculpturing; bookbinding; cartooning and animation; ceramics; clothing, design and sewing of; commercial art; costume designing; engraving of metal products; furniture, the crafting and assembly of; glass, the hand production of, including glass blowing, glass, crystal, and art novelties, and the assembly of stained art glass; graphic design and display studio; interior decorating; jewelry, the creation of; leatherwork, using previously tanned leather; musical instruments, the creation and assembly of; offices for accountants, attorneys, computer software and multimedia professionals, consultants, insurance agents, real estate agents, travel agents, ornamental metal, provided that there are no forging works or any process used in bending or shaping; photography studio; picture mounting and framing; pottery, the throwing of; printing and publishing; shoes, footwear, the fabrication of; signs; silk screen processing; textile weaving, hand looms only; toys, the production of; transcription studios; watchmaking; woodcarving; wood products, the crafting of; the manufacture of the following products (in C-M only): aluminum, electronic appliances, bone, canvas, cloth, cosmetics (excluding soap), felt, fur, glass (provided no crucible shall exceed a capacity of 16 sq ft), instruments, jewelry, leather, metals (rare, precious or semi-precious), metal plating, optical goods, paper, perfume, plastic, shell, stone, textile, toiletries, wicker and bamboo, and yarn (excluding the dyeing of yarn).

Other ordinance edits and updates: Minor edits were completed to provide consistency between Ordinance Sections, to clarify the applicability of certain provisions, and to provide updated references. These edits do not involve a substantive change.

Due to the nature of the project – the adoption of amendments to the existing Zoning Ordinance to provide consistency with the General Plan and Housing Element, where the specific sites of future development activities are not yet known - there is a lack of site-specific knowledge with which to conduct a site-specific environmental review. Therefore, this environmental review is conducted at a “plan” level of analysis, rather than the more detailed site-specific level. No actual site-specific development is proposed by the Zoning Ordinance amendments. Therefore, an analysis which includes more detailed, site-specific information about any potential development impacts is not feasible at this time and would occur when the appropriate agency prepares a future environmental document in connection with site-specific project activities, pursuant to CCR §15152 (c).

A more detailed project-level analysis pursuant to the CEQA will continue to be required for any project activity that has the potential to impact the physical environment.

The list below references potential statutory and categorical exemptions that may apply to the mixed use projects facilitated by this project. Due to the CEQA exemptions available for affordable housing, small housing projects and infill housing, it is likely that some future development projects, which may be facilitated by adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendments, could be considered exempt from project-level environmental review under CEQA. It is important to note, however, that use of CEQA exemptions is not authorized in cases where the individual circumstances of a particular development project have the reasonably foreseeable potential for negative environmental impacts (§ 15300.2), and any such future development projects will

continue to require project-level environmental review.

PRC, Division 13, Chapter 4.5, Article 6. Special Review of Housing Projects:

§ 21159.21 Exemption for qualified housing projects

§ 21159.23 Exemption for affordable low-income housing

§ 21159.24 Division not applicable to certain projects; exceptions

CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3, Article 18. Statutory Exemptions:

§ 15332 In-Fill Developments Projects.

According to CEQA requirements, the assessment of potential impacts resulting from a project (in this case, adoption of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments) is limited to the difference between the expected situation with the project (adoption of the proposed amendments), and the existing environment (no change to the existing Zoning Ordinance). Consistency between the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance is required by State Law. Even without the adoption of the proposed amendments, the same unincorporated land area could reasonably be developed with mixed use projects consistent with the General Plan and Housing Element. Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendments would not allow the development of housing that would not otherwise be allowed under the General Plan and Zoning. The mixed use projects facilitated by this ordinance, particularly joint live and work units, would promote the jobs-housing balance by putting jobs in proximity to housing. In addition, mixed use projects combine primarily neighborhood-serving commercial uses with residential uses, which promote more pedestrian-oriented activities and relatively less reliance on automobiles. This is considered to be a positive environmental impact, reducing driving time, reducing air pollutant emissions, promoting more compact development (reducing the need for greenfield development), among other benefits.

The project is consistent with the General Plan and Housing Element by encouraging mixed use projects in commercially designated areas, and offering the appropriate incentives, such as permit streamlining, to encourage more diversity of housing types and more housing opportunities in the unincorporated areas. In addition, the ordinance encourages a combination of residential and commercial uses that are relatively less intensive than the uses that are already allowed in commercial zones.

The adoption of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments would not, in and of itself, have an impact on the physical environment. It would not authorize the development of specific mixed use projects; all new projects will continue to be subject to individual project review and analysis as required by CEQA. The project's potential for impacts of any type is limited to the extent to which they would facilitate the development of mixed use projects that would not be developed without the adoption of the amendments.

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NUMBER: RADV T2006-00007 Mixed Use Ordinance

1. DESCRIPTION: The project RADV T2006-00009 consists of the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code (Planning and Zoning) pertaining to mixed-use projects. The amendments to Title 22 modify certain commercial zones (C-H Commercial Highway, C-1 Restricted Business Zone, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial, C-M Commercial Manufacturing) to allow mixed use projects, including mixed use (residential/commercial) developments and joint live and work units, through an administrative procedure; add development and performance standards for mixed-use projects; prohibit or make certain commercial uses, otherwise allowed by-right, subject to permit in mixed use projects; allow certain less intensive commercial uses in joint live and work units; and restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use.
2. LOCATION: Countywide.
3. PROPONENT: Initiated by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission.
4. FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS:
BASED ON THE INITIAL STUDY, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
5. THE LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS ON WHICH ADOPTION OF THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS BASED:
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**Addendum to the Draft Mixed Use Ordinance Initial Study and
Negative Declaration**

An Initial Study was prepared for the mixed use ordinance, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the Environmental Document Reporting Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles. The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence that the ordinance would have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning prepared a Negative Declaration for the mixed use ordinance.

The following are points of clarification and corrections to the Initial Study.

1. The revised draft ordinance (the project) includes provisions that do not allow mixed use projects through a director's review if the mixed use project is located in any of the following: Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs); Environmentally Significant Habitat Areas (ESHAs); Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones; on land with a slope of 25% or more; and on land not served by a public water and sewer system. These provisions further lessen the potential to have a significant impact on the environment.
2. The revised draft ordinance (the project) clarifies that mixed use projects are permitted through a ministerial procedure, provided that they meet all of the use exceptions, development standards and performance standards described in the project. In addition, the project clarifies that mixed use projects that fall outside of those parameters are subject to a discretionary procedure and the appropriate environmental review, which would be evaluated on a project-by-project basis.
3. Under "Services-1. Traffic/Access-Other Considerations," on page 20, the sentence that references traffic mitigation fees should be corrected to indicate that traffic mitigation measures would be requested, as needed, which would be determined on a project-by-project basis.

There is a body of research that suggests that mixed use projects exhibit fewer vehicle trips than single-use, free-standing sites, and that travelers' trip-making decisions are influenced by contextual factors, such as density, diversity of uses, etc. (Source: Transportation Research Board, "Enhancing Internal Trip Capture Estimation for Mixed-Use Developments."

<http://www.trb.org/TRBNet/ProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=927>)

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**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING PROCEEDINGS
MIXED USE ORDINANCE**

April 25, 2007

The Commission conducted a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to modify certain commercial zones (C-H Commercial Highway, C-1 Restricted Business Zone, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial, C-M Commercial Manufacturing) to allow vertical mixed use (residential/commercial) developments and joint live and work units that adhere to specified use exceptions, development standards and performance standards, through a director's review; to restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use; and to consider the supporting environmental documentation.

The staff provided the Commission with a Power Point presentation, which includes an overview of the goals and provisions of the proposed ordinance, and examples of vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units.

The staff also distributed copies and provided a summary of additional public comment letters received prior to the public hearing. The additional public comment letters came from five residents of Rowland Heights, one letter from the Rowland Heights Coordinating Council, five residents of unincorporated San Gabriel, and one resident of unincorporated East Los Angeles. Generally, the letters expressed opposition to the addition of an administrative procedure to allow mixed use projects in place of the existing conditional use permit requirement. Some of the letters suggested adding buffering provisions for nearby residential properties, excluding the provisions of the proposed ordinance in their respective communities and placing a moratorium on mixed use developments until further study can be done on the potential impact of mixed use projects.

During the public hearing, the staff recommended the following changes to the proposed ordinance for the Commission to consider:

- Add a covenant requirement in Part 18 of Chapter 22.52 for mixed use developments to ensure that future commercial uses adhere to the use exceptions specified in the proposed ordinance;
- Add language to specify that mixed use projects cannot be approved through an administrative procedure if they are located in any of the following areas: Significant Ecological Areas (SEA); Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA); Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone; on land with a slope of 25% or more; and on land not served by a public water and sewer system;
- Add language to clarify that mixed use projects approved through a director's review are ministerial;

- Merge Sections 22.52.1930 and 22.52.1940 into one section entitled “Use Exceptions—Prohibited Uses,” based on the rationale that any use that does not comply with the draft ordinance is already subject to a conditional use permit.

During the public hearing, two members of the public spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance. A resident of Rowland Heights, who spoke on behalf of the Rowland Heights Coordinating Council, conveyed opposition to the removal of the conditional use permit and the subsequent elimination of public hearings for mixed use projects. A resident of unincorporated San Gabriel suggested a height limit reduction for mixed use developments in zone C-3, from the proposed 60 ft. to 45 ft. The resident further expressed his desire for the East Pasadena-San Gabriel Community Standards District to remain unaffected by the proposed ordinance.

The staff responded by reiterating that the Community Standards Districts supersede the provisions of the proposed ordinance. In addition, the staff later conveyed to one of the testifiers that the height limit for zone C-3 in the East Pasadena-San Gabriel Community Standards District is 35ft.

Although the Commission expressed concerns over the real impact that the proposed ordinance could have on addressing housing needs with such modest provisions, they also understood that not all commercially zoned areas are near transit and may not be appropriate for larger mixed use projects. In addition, the Commission acknowledged that the proposed ordinance reflects the Board’s motion and Commission’s direction to prepare a countywide ordinance to address the need for housing, which affects all communities within the unincorporated areas. Furthermore, the Commission concurred that while the proposed ordinance, per se, is modest, that it can be meaningful when seen as part of multiple efforts to encourage residential and mixed uses in commercial zones.

The staff added that the recommendations from the 2005 report to the Board of Supervisors regarding residential and mixed uses in commercial zones included two steps—the first of which is reflected by the proposed ordinance and the second, which is a community by community, context-sensitive approach to encourage residential-only developments in commercial zones through an administrative procedure. The Commission added a suggestion for a third step, which is to focus more incentives and other concerted efforts to encourage more innovative and larger-scale mixed use projects in areas where it is appropriate to do so, such as around transit stations.

Commissioners Valadez, Bellamy, Helsley and Modugno (Rew, absent) voted to close the public hearing, and instructed the staff to return with changes to the proposed ordinance based on the recommendations made by staff at the public hearing.

May 30, 2007

The staff presented an overview of the revised draft ordinance to the Commission, which incorporates the changes discussed at the public hearing on April 25, 2007.

In addition, the staff provided an addendum to the draft initial study, which includes the following clarifications and minor corrections:

- That the potential to have a significant impact on the environmental is even more less-than-significant with the recent revision to the proposed ordinance to not allow mixed use projects through an administrative procedure if they are located within Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs), Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHAs); Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones; on land with a slope of 25% or more; and on land not served by a public water and sewer system;
- That mixed use projects are permitted through a ministerial administrative procedure, provided that they meet all of the use exceptions, development standards and performance standards described in the project. In addition, the project clarifies that mixed use projects that fall outside of those parameters are subject to the existing discretionary procedure and appropriate environmental review, which would be evaluated on a project-by-project basis;
- That there is a body of research that suggests that mixed use projects exhibit fewer vehicle trips than single-use, free-standing sites, and that travelers' trip-making decisions are influenced by contextual factors, such as density, diversity of uses, etc;
- A correction to the sentence on page 20, "Services-1. Traffic/Access-Other Considerations," from a reference to traffic mitigation fees to traffic mitigation measures.

Commissioners Valadez, Bellamy, Helsley, Modugno, and Rew voted to approve resolution to recommend the proposed revised ordinance and negative declaration to the Board of Supervisors.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 22 (PLANNING AND ZONING)
MIXED USE ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has recommended approval of proposed amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to modify certain commercial zones to allow vertical mixed use (residential/commercial) developments and joint live and work units that adhere to specified use exceptions, development standards and performance standards, through an administrative procedure; and to restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 at _____a.m. on _____ pursuant to said Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code and Title 7 of the California Government Code (Planning and Zoning Law) for the purpose of hearing testimony relative to the adoption of the following amendments:

1. To modify zones C-H Commercial Highway, C-1 Restricted Business Zone, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial, C-M Commercial Manufacturing to allow vertical mixed use (residential/commercial) developments and joint live and work units that adhere to specified use exceptions, development standards and performance standards, through a director's review, which is an administrative and ministerial procedure;
2. To add a new Part 18 Mixed Use Developments to Chapter 22.52 to specify development and performance standards, and to prohibit certain commercial uses, otherwise allowed by-right, for vertical mixed use developments allowed through a director's review;
3. To add a new Part 19 Joint Live and Work Units to Chapter 22.52 to specify development and performance standards and additional, less-intensive commercial uses for joint live and work units allowed through a director's review;
4. To restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use;
5. Such other amendments that, in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors, should be considered at this time.

Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors at the above address. If you do not understand this notice or need more information, please call Ms. Connie Chung at (213) 974-6425.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and County Guidelines, a Negative Declaration has been prepared that shows that the proposed ordinance will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND RECIRCULATION
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 22 (PLANNING AND ZONING)
MIXED USE ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning, acting in the capacity of "Lead Agency," has revised the Initial Study and will recirculate the Negative Declaration after public notice of its availability has previously been given but prior to its adoption, pursuant to Section 15073.5 (a) of the "Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act" (State CEQA Guidelines).

The Negative Declaration with a revised Initial Study for proposed amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code, which modifies certain commercial zones to allow vertical mixed use (residential/commercial) developments and joint live and work units that adhere to specified use exceptions, development standards and performance standards, through an administrative procedure (Mixed Use Ordinance), is available for public comment from **October 24, 2007 to November 26, 2007**. The public hearing for the Mixed Use Ordinance will be held before the Board of Supervisors on November 27, 2007, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Copies of the proposed Mixed Use Ordinance and the revised CEQA documents are available for review at all County libraries and online at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/doc/offDocs/MixedUse.pdf>.

Written comments may be sent to the Housing Section at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning: 320 West Temple Street, Room 1354, Los Angeles, California 90012 or via email at housing@planning.lacounty.gov. If you do not understand this notice or need more information, please call Ms. Connie Chung at (213) 974-6425.

Si no entiende esta noticia o necesita mas información, por favor llame este numero: (213) 974-6425.



* * * * * REVISED INITIAL STUDY * * * * *

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**
GENERAL INFORMATIONI.A. Map Date: N/AStaff Member: Connie ChungThomas Guide: N/AUSGS Quad: N/ALocation: Countywide

Description of Project: A proposed ordinance amending Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to modify certain commercial zones to allow vertical mixed use (residential and commercial) developments and joint live and work units that adhere to specified use exceptions, performance standards and development standards through an administrative procedure; create a new Part 18 Mixed Use Developments and Part 19 Joint Live Work Units to add development and performance standards and use exceptions for applicable projects; and restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use (a copy of the detailed project description and draft ordinance is attached). The projects do not apply to Significant Ecological Areas, Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, areas with a slope of 25% or greater, or areas not served by public water or sewer systems. In addition, the projects may be subject to additional standards specified in Community Standards District overlays. Projects will comply with Airport Land Use standards.

Gross Area: CountywideEnvironmental Setting: Countywide (urban, suburban, non-urban, rural)

Zoning: Applicable to all commercially zoned areas where multifamily residential uses and mixed uses are currently permitted with a conditional use permit (Zones C-H Commercial Highway, C-1 Restricted Business Zone, C-2 Neighborhood Business, C-3 Unlimited Commercial, C-M Commercial Manufacturing).

General Plan: CountywideCommunity/Area Wide Plan: Countywide

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Major projects in area:

Project Number

Description & Status

N/A

NOTE: For EIRs, above projects are not sufficient for cumulative analysis.

REVIEWING AGENCIES

Responsible Agencies

- ☐ None
- ☒ Regional Water Quality Control Board
- ☒ Los Angeles Region
- ☒ Lahontan Region
- ☒ Coastal Commission
- ☒ Army Corps of Engineers
- ☒ Caltrans

Trustee Agencies

- ☐ None
- ☒ State Fish and Game
- ☒ State Parks
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Special Reviewing Agencies

- ☐ None
- ☒ Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- ☐ National Parks
- ☐ National Forest
- ☒ Edwards Air Force Base
- ☐ Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mtns.
- ☒ SCAG
- ☒ State of California Housing and Community Development Department
- ☒ State of California Office of Planning and Research
- ☒ AQMD
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- Regional Significance

- ☐ None

- ☒ SCAG Criteria
- ☐ Air Quality
- ☐ Water Resources
- ☐ Santa Monica Mtns Area
- ☐ _____

County Reviewing Agencies

- ☐ Subdivision Committee
- ☒ DPW: Traffic and Lighting, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering, Grading and Drainage, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance, and Environmental Programs.
- ☒ Health Services: (and Environmental Hygiene, section).
- ☒ Fire Department
- ☒ Sanitation Districts
- ☒ Public Library
- ☒ Sheriff
- ☒ Parks and Recreation

Environmental Finding:

FINAL DETERMINATION: On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Regional Planning finds that this project qualifies for the following environmental document:

☒ NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.


An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was determined that this project will not exceed the established threshold criteria for any environmental/service factor and, as a result, will not have a significant effect on the physical environment.

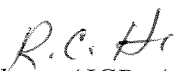
☐ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, inasmuch as the changes required for the project will reduce impacts to insignificant levels (see attached discussion and/or conditions).

An Initial Study was prepared on this project in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the environmental reporting procedures of the County of Los Angeles. It was originally determined that the proposed project may exceed established threshold criteria. The applicant has agreed to modification of the project so that it can now be determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the physical environment. The modification to mitigate this impact(s) is identified on the Project Changes/Conditions Form included as part of this Initial Study.

☐ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT*, inasmuch as there is substantial evidence that the project may have a significant impact due to factors listed above as "significant."

☐ At least one factor has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to legal standards, and has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on the attached sheets (see attached Form DRP/IA 101). The EIR is required to analyze only the factors not previously addressed.

Reviewed by:  ^{10/23/07} Connie Chung, AICP, Supervising Regional Planner, Housing Section Date: October 23, 2007

Approved by:  Rose Hamilton, AICP, Assist. Administrator, Advance Planning Div. Date: October 2007

☐ This proposed project is exempt from Fish and Game CEQA filing fees. There is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have potential for an adverse effect on wildlife or the habitat upon which the wildlife depends. (Fish & Game Code 753.5).

☐ Determination appealed--see attached sheet.

*NOTE: Findings for Environmental Impact Reports will be prepared as a separate document following the public hearing on the project.

HAZARDS - 1. Geotechnical**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☒ ☐ ☐ Is the project site located in an active or potentially active fault zone, Seismic Hazards Zone, or Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone?
- All of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County lie within a general region of known fault zones and seismic activity (per California Seismic Hazards maps, California Special Study Zones maps, Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Plate 1).*
- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site located in an area containing a major landslide(s)?
- There are some applicable commercial zones in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that contain landslides and are not suitable for development (per Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Plate 5).*
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the project site located in an area having high slope instability?
- The proposed ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects in areas with a slope of 25% or greater.*
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site subject to high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction?
- There are some applicable commercial zones in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that contain high subsidence, high groundwater level, liquefaction, or hydrocompaction, and may not be suitable for development (per Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Plates 3 and 4).*
- e. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the proposed project considered a sensitive use (school, hospital, public assembly site) located in close proximity to a significant geotechnical hazard?
- The ordinance will facilitate the development of residential uses that may be located in close proximity to significant geo hazards.*
- f. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the project entail substantial grading and/or alteration of topography including slopes of more than 25%?
- The proposed ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects in areas with a slope of 25% or greater.*
- g. ☐ ☐ ☒ Would the project be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
- There are some unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that contain expansive soil.*
- h. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Building Ordinance No. 2225 C Sections 308B, 309, 310 and 311 and Chapters 29 and 70.

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☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size

☐ Project Design

☐ Approval of Geotechnical Report by DPW

Subsequent development projects facilitated by the ordinance may expose more residents to geotechnical hazards in certain areas. However, these projects would be modestly-scaled and spread throughout applicable commercial zones, and would have a less than significant impact in terms of geotechnical factors.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, **geotechnical** factors?

☐ Potentially significant

☐ Less than significant with project mitigation

☒ Less than significant/No impact

HAZARDS - 2. Flood**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is a major drainage course, as identified on USGS quad sheets by a dashed line, located on the project site?

Some of the applicable commercial zones are located within major drainage courses located within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County (per USGS maps).

- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site located within or does it contain a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone? *Some of the applicable commercial zones in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County contain a floodway, floodplain, or designated flood hazard zone (per Los Angeles County General Plan Safety Element Plate 6).*

- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site located in or subject to high mudflow conditions?

Some of the applicable commercial zones in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County are subject to high mudflow conditions.

- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project contribute or be subject to high erosion and debris deposition from run off?

- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area?

The projects permitted through the ordinance would be modestly-scaled and would be spread throughout the unincorporated areas.

- f. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors (e.g., dam failure)? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

☒ Building Ordinance No. 2225 C Section 308A ☒ Ordinance No. 12,114 (Floodways)

☐ Approval of Drainage Concept by DPW

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size

☐ Project Design

Subsequent development projects facilitated by the ordinance may expose more residents to potential flood related hazards in certain areas. However, these areas are typically located in environmentally sensitive areas and areas not served by public water and sewer systems, where projects facilitated by this ordinance are not likely to occur. In addition, the projects would be modestly-scaled and spread throughout applicable commercial zones, and would have a less than significant impact in terms of hydrological factors.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by **flood (hydrological)** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

HAZARDS - 3. Fire**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the project site located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (Fire Zone 4)?
The proposed ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the project site in a high fire hazard area and served by inadequate access due to lengths, widths, surface materials, turnarounds or grade?
The proposed ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. In addition, all projects facilitated by the ordinance are subject to the County's Fire Ordinance access requirements.
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Does the project site have more than 75 dwelling units on a single access in a high fire hazard area? The proposed ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the project site located in an area having inadequate water and pressure to meet fire flow standards? The proposed ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects in areas not served by public water systems.
- e. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site located in close proximity to potential dangerous fire hazard conditions/uses (such as refineries, flammables, explosives manufacturing)?
Some of the applicable commercial zones in the unincorporated areas permit uses that constitute potential dangerous fire hazards, such as restaurants, and are located next to manufacturing zones where potential dangerous fire hazard conditions/uses are permitted.
- f. ☐ ☐ ☒ Does the proposed use constitute a potentially dangerous fire hazard?
Restaurants are permitted in the applicable commercial zones and could potentially be on the ground floor of a project that is facilitated by this ordinance.
- g. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Water Ordinance No. 7834 ☒ Fire Ordinance No. 2947 ☒ Fire Regulation No. 8
☐ Fuel Modification/Landscape Plan

☐ **MITIGATION MEASURES** / ☒ **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- ☐ Project Design ☐ Compatible Use

The ordinance amendment does not apply to projects located in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and no other fire impacts are anticipated as a result of this ordinance. Most potentially dangerous uses are excluded as a by-right use under this ordinance and would be subject to a discretionary procedure and appropriate environmental review.

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Although the projects facilitated by the ordinance could potentially include restaurant uses, the projects would be spread throughout the applicable commercial zones and include a number of other commercial uses and would have a less than significant impact on or be impacted by fire hazards.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by **fire hazard** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

HAZARDS - 4. Noise**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site located near a high noise source (airports, railroads, freeways, industry)?
It is possible that the residents, employees and visitors of the projects facilitated by this ordinance could be exposed to excessive noise levels if they are located near existing noise sources, such as highways, railroads, raceways, airports, or industrial operations. There are applicable commercial zones located near high noise sources.
- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the proposed use considered sensitive (school, hospital, senior citizen facility) or are there other sensitive uses in close proximity? The proposed ordinance is not considered a sensitive use. However, the projects facilitated by this ordinance could include schools in a mixed use development, although it is highly unlikely. In addition, other sensitive uses such as hospitals or senior citizen facilities are uses that are excluded from this ordinance.
- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project substantially increase ambient noise levels including those associated with special equipment (such as amplified sound systems) or parking areas associated with the project? The projects facilitated by this ordinance may increase ambient noise levels as a result of residential uses in commercial areas, such as human voices, landscape maintenance equipment, and similar noise generators.
- d. ☒ ☐ ☐ Would the project result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels without the project?
Construction noise from the development of projects facilitated by this ordinance would cause a temporary increase in ambient noise levels.
- e. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS☒ Noise Ordinance No. 11,778☒ Building Ordinance No. 2225--Chapter 35☐ **MITIGATION MEASURES** / ☒ **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**☐ Lot Size☐ Project Design☐ Compatible Use

There can be incompatible land uses that expose residents to high noise sources. However, County Code requirements include noise-sensitive construction methods and other sound attenuation measures, such as the installation of sound walls to protect residents and surrounding uses from these noise impacts. The projects facilitated by this ordinance are not expected to generate any noise levels that exceed the County Noise Ord.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be adversely impacted by **noise**?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 1. Water Quality**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site located in an area having known water quality problems and proposing the use of individual water wells?
- There are unincorporated areas that are known to have water quality problems; however, the ordinance does not apply to projects located in areas that are not served by public water and sewer systems, and will not facilitate projects that propose the use of individual water wells.*
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the proposed project require the use of a private sewage disposal system?
- The proposed ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects that are located in areas that are not served by public water or sewer systems.*
- ☐ ☐ ☐ If the answer is yes, is the project site located in an area having known septic tank limitations due to high groundwater or other geotechnical limitations or is the project proposing on-site systems located in close proximity to a drainage course?
- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project's associated construction activities significantly impact the quality of groundwater and/or storm water runoff to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving water bodies?
- The construction of projects facilitated by this ordinance may be subject to NPDES requirements.*
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project's post-development activities potentially degrade the quality of storm water runoff and/or could post-development non-storm water discharges contribute potential pollutants to the storm water conveyance system and/or receiving bodies?
- The post-development activities of the projects facilitated by this ordinance may be subject to NPDES requirements.*
- e. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ Industrial Waste Permit ☒ Health Code Ordinance No. 7583, Chapter 5
- ☒ Plumbing Code Ordinance No. 2269 ☐ NPDES Permit Compliance (DPW)

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design

The projects facilitated by this ordinance does not apply to areas not already served by public water and sewer systems and will overall be modestly scaled and spread throughout the applicable commercial zones.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, **water quality** problems?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 2. Air Quality**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Will the proposed project exceed the State's criteria for regional significance (generally (a) 500 dwelling units for residential uses or (b) 40 gross acres, 650,000 square feet of floor area or 1,000 employees for nonresidential uses)?</p> <p><i>Cumulatively and over time, the proposed ordinance will result in more than 500 dwelling units and 40 gross acres, 650,000 square feet of floor area or 1000 employees. However, the individual projects facilitated by this ordinance are modestly-scaled, with limited density and height standards that are consistent with or more restrictive than the standards in the underlying commercial zone, and will not result in individual projects that exceed the State's criteria for regional significance.</i></p> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>Is the proposal considered a sensitive use (schools, hospitals, parks) and located near a freeway or heavy industrial use?</p> <p><i>The proposed ordinance is not a sensitive use. The projects facilitated by this ordinance could potentially include schools on the ground floor of mixed use developments and be located near a freeway or heavy industrial use; however, this is unlikely. Hospitals are excluded from this ordinance and parks do not apply to mixed use developments.</i></p> |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>Will the project increase local emissions to a significant extent due to increased traffic congestion or use of a parking structure, or exceed AQMD thresholds of potential significance?</p> <p><i>Cumulatively and over time, the proposed ordinance could result in an increase in local emissions to a significant extent due to the traffic congestion and parking. However, mixed use developments are often cited as strategies for decreasing traffic congestion because it encourages pedestrian-friendly environments.</i></p> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>Will the project generate or is the site in close proximity to sources which create obnoxious odors, dust, and/or hazardous emissions?</p> <p><i>Such sources exist throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County; there are no by-right commercial uses that could create obnoxious odors, dust or hazardous emissions that would be permitted on the ground level of a mixed use development or in the commercial zones. Permitted uses that could potentially create obnoxious odors, dust or hazardous emissions would require a discretionary procedure and their impacts would be evaluated on a case by case basis.</i></p> |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Would the project conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?</p> <p><i>The ordinance would not conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan.</i></p> |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Would the project violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?</p> <p><i>The scale and uses of the projects facilitated by this ordinance would not result in the violation of any air quality standards or contribute to an air quality violation.</i></p> |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Would the project result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?</p> |

h. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors: _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

☒ Health and Safety Code Section 40506

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Project Design

☐ Air Quality Report

It is unlikely that the projects facilitated by this ordinance will have a significant impact on air quality. Mixed use projects can contribute to better air quality by potentially reducing traffic congestion.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on, or be impacted by, **air quality**?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 3. Biota**SETTING/IMPACTS**

- Yes No Maybe
- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Is the project site located within a Significant Ecological Area (SEA), SEA Buffer, or coastal Sensitive Environmental Resource (ESHA, etc.), or is the site relatively undisturbed and natural?
The proposed ordinance does not apply to projects located within SEA's or ESHA's. The ordinance only applies to areas already served by public water and sewer systems, and would likely encourage projects in infill areas, which do not include sites that are relatively undisturbed and natural.
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will grading, fire clearance, or flood related improvements remove substantial natural habitat areas?
The proposed ordinance does not apply to projects located within Very High Fire Severity Zones or projects located in areas with a slope of 25% or greater.
- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is a major drainage course located on the project site that is depicted on USGS quad sheets by a blue dashed line or that may contain a bed, channel, or bank of any perennial, intermittent or ephemeral river, stream or lake?
There are unincorporated areas that contain major drainage courses in the aforementioned bodies of water.
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Does the project site contain a major riparian or other sensitive habitat (e.g., coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, sycamore riparian woodland, wetland, etc.)?
The projects facilitated by this ordinance may be located in parts of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County where riparian or other sensitive habitats are known to exist. However, the proposed ordinance does not apply to sites that are within SEA's and ESHA's. In addition, the projects facilitated by this ordinance will be located in commercially designated areas and will likely occur in infill areas, which are not likely to contain major riparian or other sensitive habitats.
- e. ☐ ☐ ☒ Does the project site contain oak or other unique native trees (specify kinds of trees)?
There are oaks and other unique native trees within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.
- f. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site habitat for any known sensitive species (federal or state listed endangered, etc.)?
There are some unincorporated areas that contain sensitive species.
- g. ☐ ☐ ☒ Other factors (e.g., wildlife corridor, adjacent open space linkage)? _____
There are some unincorporated areas contain valuable wildlife corridors.

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design ☒ Oak Tree Permit ☐ ERB/SEATAC Review

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The projects facilitated by this ordinance will not likely be in areas identified by the County for having sensitive biota and natural habitat areas, as they will be in commercially designated areas already served by public water and sewer systems and are most likely to be built in urban areas, where sensitive plant and animals are less likely, if at all, to be impacted.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **biotic resources**?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

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RESOURCES - 4. Archaeological / Historical / Paleontological

SETTING/IMPACTS

- | | Yes | No | Maybe | |
|----|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>Is the project site in or near an area containing known archaeological resources or containing features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees) which indicate potential archaeological sensitivity?</p> <p><u>There are areas that contain known archaeological resources or that contain features (drainage course, spring, knoll, rock outcroppings, or oak trees), which indicate potential archaeological sensitivity within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.</u></p> |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>Does the project site contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources?</p> <p><u>There are unincorporated areas that contain rock formations indicating potential paleontological resources.</u></p> |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Does the project site contain known historic structures or sites?</p> <p><u>There are no known sites with historic cultural resources that are designated by the applicable commercial zones. Source: LA County General Plan Cultural and Historical Resources.</u></p> |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical or archaeological resource as defined in 15064.5?</p> <p>_____</p> |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <p>Would the project directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?</p> <p>_____</p> |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <p>Other factors? _____</p> |

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size
 ☐ Project Design
 ☐ Phase I Archaeology Report

Most projects facilitated by this ordinance will occur in the urban areas or commercial corridors of the unincorporated areas and not in areas where archeological and paleontological resources are likely to occur. In the event that archaeological resources or human remains are discovered during the construction process of any project, construction shall be stopped and protected until an investigation can occur as prescribed by state law.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **archaeological, historical, or paleontological** resources?

☐ Potentially significant
 ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation
 ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 5.Mineral Resources

SETTING/IMPACTS

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

There are no mineral recovery sites or oil resource zones in unincorporated Los Angeles County that are designated by the applicable commercial zones. Source: LA County General Plan Special Management Areas.

- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource discovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

There are no mineral recovery sites in unincorporated Los Angeles County that are designated by the applicable commercial zones. Source: LA County General Plan Special Management Areas.

- c. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☐ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **mineral** resources?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 6. Agriculture Resources**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

There are no Agricultural Opportunity Areas that are designated by the applicable commercial zones. Source: LA County General Plan Special Management Zones.

- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

The proposed ordinance facilitates the development of projects in existing commercial zones.

- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?

The proposed ordinance facilitates the development of projects in existing commercial zones and the intent of the ordinance is to promote infill development.

- d. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ **MITIGATION MEASURES** / ☐ **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project leave a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **agriculture** resources?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

RESOURCES - 7. Visual Qualities**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site substantially visible from or will it obstruct views along a scenic highway (as shown on the Scenic Highway Element), or is it located within a scenic corridor or will it otherwise impact the viewshed?
The projects facilitated by this ordinance are not likely to be located in areas along Mulholland Highway or any other scenic corridor, as they are likely to be located in infill areas, and as scenic corridors and viewsheds are located in areas, such as the National Forest, SEA's and ESHA's, hillside management areas, and Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones that are excluded from this ordinance's coverage.
- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project substantially visible from or will it obstruct views from a regional riding or hiking trail?
There are no known regional or hiking trails that are within the applicable commercial zones. Source: General Plan Trails Network [National Park Service (2/2007) and Dept. of Parks and Rec.(2006)]
- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site located in an undeveloped or undisturbed area, which contains unique aesthetic features? There are undeveloped or undisturbed areas throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. However, as the projects facilitated by this ordinance must be located in areas already served by public water and sewer systems, the projects will not likely be located in undeveloped and undisturbed areas.
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the proposed use out-of-character in comparison to adjacent uses because of height, bulk, or other features?
The projects facilitated by the ordinance would generally conform to the underlying standards of the applicable commercial zones. In addition, the ordinance includes new height and density standards for residential uses in commercial zones, which conform to or are more restrictive than permitted standards in the underlying commercial zones.
- e. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project likely to create substantial sun shadow, light or glare problems?
The projects facilitated by this ordinance could potentially result in an increase in the levels of light and glare in the applicable commercial zones. However, the projects are likely to occur in infill areas where increases in light and glare resulting from the new development would be small relative to the existing light and glare, or existing shadows.
- f. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors (e.g., grading or land form alteration): _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS
☐ Lot Size ☐ Project Design ☐ Visual Report ☐ Compatible Use

The projects facilitated by this ordinance will occur in commercially zoned areas and within infill areas where the impact on scenic views and viewsheds will not occur. In addition, the projects facilitated by this ordinance will adhere to or be

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more restricted than the conforming standards of the underlying commercial zones, and will therefore not be out of character. In addition, because the mixed use developments require that the ground floor be commercial, the projects facilitated by this ordinance will not be out of character from the surrounding commercial uses. Furthermore, the projects facilitated by this ordinance will most likely occur in infill areas, where the impacts of light, glare and shadows will be less than significant compared to the existing built out area.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on **scenic** qualities?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 1. Traffic/Access**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Does the project contain 25 dwelling units, or more and is it located in an area with known congestion problems (roadway or intersections)?
Cumulatively and individually, the projects facilitated by this ordinance could contain 25 dwelling units and be located in an area with known congestion problems. There is research that suggests that mixed use projects may exhibit fewer vehicle trips than single-use, free-standing sites, and that travelers' trip-making decisions are influenced by contextual factors, such as density, diversity of uses, etc. Because ITE's rates are predominantly based on "single-use, free-standing sites," the potential exists for multi-use sites to exhibit fewer vehicle trips than would be estimated using the stand-alone rates. For example, a proposed mixed-use development that includes residential, retail, and office uses may, in reality, exhibit significant internal capture and consequently lower external trip generation than would have otherwise been predicted. (Source: Transportation Research Board, "Enhancing Internal Trip Capture Estimation for Mixed-Use Developments." <http://www.trb.org/TRBNet/ProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=927>).
- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Will the project result in any hazardous traffic conditions?
Cumulatively and individually, the projects facilitated by this ordinance may contribute to hazardous traffic conditions. However, mixed use development is cited as a land use strategy to reduce traffic congestion in the adopted 2004 LA County Congestion Management Program, and it is highly unlikely that the projects facilitated by this ordinance will contribute to hazardous traffic conditions.
- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the project result in parking problems with a subsequent impact on traffic conditions?
The project is consistent with the parking ordinance in the Zoning Code, and will require the specified number of parking spaces for each use. No parking reductions are proposed in this ordinance.
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Will inadequate access during an emergency (other than fire hazards) result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area?
Cumulatively and individually, the projects facilitated by this ordinance may contribute to congestion that would result in problems for emergency vehicles or residents/employees in the area. However, mixed use development is cited by the LA County Congestion Management Program as a strategy for reducing traffic congestion, and it is highly unlikely that the projects facilitated by this ordinance will contribute to the aforementioned problems. In addition, the ordinance does not propose parking reductions and will not contribute to a spillover of onstreet parking.
- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the congestion management program (CMP) Transportation Impact Analysis thresholds of 50 peak hour vehicles added by project traffic to a CMP highway system intersection or 150 peak hour trips added by project traffic to a mainline freeway link be exceeded?
The proposed ordinance is consistent with land use policies identified in the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program to reduce vehicles miles traveled, and will not exceed thresholds identified in the program.
- f. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting

alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?

The proposed ordinance is consistent with adopted policies, such as the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program (2004), to support alternative transportation. As the projects facilitated by this ordinance would be located in commercial corridors and urban areas, where most alternative transportation is accessible, the project would support alternative transportation.

g. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Project Design ☐ Traffic Report ☐ Consultation with Traffic & Lighting Division

The projects facilitated by this ordinance will have a less than significant impact on traffic and access in that they will conform to existing parking requirements for residential and commercial uses, and in general, will be consistent with the County's and the region's land use policies to reduce traffic congestion.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **traffic/access** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 2. Sewage Disposal

SETTING/IMPACTS

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ If served by a community sewage system, could the project create capacity problems at the treatment plant?

The proposed ordinance does not apply to projects located in areas not served by a public sewer system.

- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project create capacity problems in the sewer lines serving the project site?

The proposed ordinance could facilitate the development of projects that create capacity problems; however the projects are likely to occur in infill areas. In addition, the projects facilitated by this ordinance would be spread throughout the applicable commercial zones. Furthermore, the modestly-scaled projects facilitated by this ordinance are less intensive than the commercial-only uses permitted by-right in the applicable commercial zones.

- c. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

☒ Sanitary Sewers and Industrial Waste Ordinance No. 6130

☐ Plumbing Code Ordinance No. 2269

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

While this ordinance may create potential increased service system usage, it is not expected that the increase would be significant because the projects facilitated by the ordinance would most likely occur in infill areas and spread throughout the applicable commercial zones. Furthermore, the projects facilitated by this ordinance would be modestly-scaled and less intensive than the by-right commercial uses in the applicable commercial zones.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **sewage disposal** facilities?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 3. Education**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project create capacity problems at the district level?

There are known capacity problems within some school districts in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project create capacity problems at individual schools which will serve the project site?

There are known capacity problems within some individual schools in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project create student transportation problems?

The development of projects facilitated by this ordinance could create short-term student transportation problems for school districts in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. However, as an infill land use strategy, mixed use developments are less likely to contribute to the need for additional student transportation.

- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project create substantial library impacts due to increased population and demand?

The development of projects facilitated by this ordinance could create library impacts due to increased population and demand.

- e. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ **MITIGATION MEASURES** / ☒ **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- ☐ Site Dedication ☒ Government Code Section 65995 ☒ Library Facilities Mitigation Fee

While the proposed ordinance may create additional demand on existing schools and libraries, all projects facilitated by the ordinance will be subject to the same school and library impacts fees as required by Section 65995 of the Government Code and the applicable County ordinance.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **educational** facilities/services?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

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SERVICES - 4. Fire/Sheriff Services**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project create staffing or response time problems at the fire station or sheriff's substation serving the project site?

There are areas in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County that receive an undesirable level of Fire/Sheriff services.

- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Are there any special fire or law enforcement problems associated with the project or the general area?

The proposed ordinance does not apply to Very High Hazard Severity zones. There may be sites in the applicable commercial zones with special law enforcement problems.

- c. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS☒ Fire Mitigation Fees

While the proposed amendments may create potential increased service system usage, it is not expected that the increase would be significant, and that fire mitigation fees will offset the impacts. In addition, although the Sheriff's Department indicates that there is no established financial mechanism to sufficiently support a desirable level of services in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, mixed use developments and multifamily housing can contribute to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to put more eyes on the street, which can reduce real and perceived crime.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **fire/sheriff** services?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

SERVICES - 5. Utilities/Other Services**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have an inadequate ground water supply and proposes water wells?

There are unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County known to have an inadequate public water supply to meet domestic needs or to have inadequate groundwater supply; however, the projects facilitated by this ordinance do not apply to areas not served by public water systems.

- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Is the project site in an area known to have an inadequate water supply and/or pressure to meet fire fighting needs?

There are unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County known to have an inadequate water supply and/or water pressure to meet fire fighting needs; however, this ordinance does not apply to projects in areas that are not served by public water systems and in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.

- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project create problems with providing utility services, such as electricity, gas, or propane?

- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Are there any other known service problem areas (e.g., solid waste)?

There is an overall shortage in the County's landfill facilities; however, as the ordinance will not increase population but fill the shortage for housing, it is unlikely to impact the shortage on landfill facilities.

- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services or facilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, roads)?

- f. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS☒ Plumbing Code Ordinance No. 2269☒ Water Code Ordinance No. 7834☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS☐ Lot Size☐ Project Design

While this ordinance may create potential increased service system usage, it is not expected that the increase would be significant because the projects facilitated by the ordinance would most likely occur in infill areas. In addition, the projects would be spread throughout the applicable commercial zones, and introduce uses less intensive uses than planned for by-right commercial uses. Furthermore, the ordinance is not likely to facilitate an overall increase in population.

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CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) relative to **utilities/services**?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 1. General**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the project result in an inefficient use of energy resources?

Mixed use developments are typically designed to promote the efficient use of energy resources by encouraging more pedestrian-friendly environments, multifamily residential developments and the clustering of resources.

- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Will the project result in a major change in the patterns, scale, or character of the general area or community?

The ordinance will facilitate additional new dwelling units in commercial zones, but most of the standards generally conform to the development standards for the underlying zone. Individually and cumulatively, the project could result in changes in the patterns, scale, or character of the general area or community. However, the County could typically expect that the projects facilitated by this ordinance would be spread throughout the unincorporated areas rather than be concentrated in one area, and that the relative change in patterns, scale, or character, would be minimal in relation to the County as a whole.

- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the project result in a significant reduction in the amount of agricultural land?

The ordinance facilitates the development of projects in applicable existing commercial zones, and will not contribute to a significant reduction in the amount of agricultural land.

- d. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

STANDARD CODE REQUIREMENTS

☐ State Administrative Code, Title 24, Part 5, T-20 (Energy Conservation)

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Lot size ☐ Project Design ☐ Compatible Use

The County could typically expect that the projects facilitated by this ordinance would be spread throughout the unincorporated areas rather than be concentrated in one area, and that the relative change in patterns, scale, or character, would be minimal in relation to the County as a whole. In addition, mixed use development is a land use strategy that encourages infill development, which leads to the preservation of open space and agricultural land as well as the efficient use of resources.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to any of the above factors? _____

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 2. Environmental Safety**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Are any hazardous materials used, transported, produced, handled, or stored on-site?
- There are no by-right permitted commercial uses in the applicable zones that entail the handling, storage, production or transportation of hazardous materials. This ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects that include the permitted use or handling of hazardous materials.*
- b. ☐ ☐ ☒ Are any pressurized tanks to be used or any hazardous wastes stored on-site?
- There could potentially be hazardous wastes stored on-site.*
- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Are any residential units, schools, or hospitals located within 500 feet and potentially adversely affected?
- The ordinance facilitates the development of residential uses in commercial zones. In addition, mixed use developments located in commercial zones are highly unlikely to adversely affect other residential uses, schools or hospitals.*
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Have there been previous uses that indicate residual soil toxicity of the site or is the site located within two miles downstream of a known groundwater contamination source within the same watershed?
- There are sites with soil toxicity problems and known groundwater contamination sources throughout the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.*
- e. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project create a significant hazard to the public or the environment involving the accidental release of hazardous materials into the environment?
- There are no by-right permitted commercial uses in the applicable zones that entail the handling, storage, production or transportation of hazardous materials. This ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects that include the permitted use or handling of hazardous materials.*
- f. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?
- There are no by-right permitted commercial uses in the applicable zones that entail the handling, storage, production or transportation of hazardous materials. This ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects that include the permitted use of hazardous materials.*
- g. ☐ ☐ ☒ Would the project be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would create a significant hazard to the public or environment?
- There are known "brownfield" sites within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Future projects facilitated by the ordinance may be built on these sites, however once site clean-up and the necessary site remediation are completed.*
- h. ☐ ☐ ☒ Would the project result in a safety hazard for people in a project area located within an airport land use plan, within two miles of a public or public use airport, or within the vicinity of a private airstrip?
- There are applicable commercial zones that are in proximity to an airport or private airstrip. However, the projects facilitated by this ordinance will be modestly-scaled and spread throughout*

the applicable commercial zones. In addition, all projects shall be subject to the Safety and Noise Element of the Los Angeles General Plan and will comply with Airport Land Use standards.

- i. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

Projects facilitated by this ordinance will be in conformance to any applicable emergency plan and the Safety Element of the Los Angeles County General Plan.

- j. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Toxic Clean up Plan

The by-right uses permitted in commercial zones do not include uses that entail the handling of hazardous materials or the release of toxic emissions, and would not be impactful to mixed use developments located on adjacent properties. The ordinance excludes certain by-right uses, such as beauty shops, that would be impactful to residential units above. Permitted and potentially impactful commercial uses are subject to discretionary reviews and the impacts on adjacent mixed use developments would be evaluated at that time.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact relative to **public safety**?

- ☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 3. Land Use**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the plan designation(s) of the subject property?

The proposed ordinance is consistent with the Los Angeles County General Plan.

- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the zoning designation of the subject property?

The project is an ordinance, if adopted, will amend the Zoning Code.

- c. Can the project be found to be inconsistent with the following applicable land use criteria:

☐ ☒ ☐ Hillside Management Criteria?

☐ ☒ ☐ SEA Conformance Criteria?

☐ ☐ ☐ Other? _____

- d. ☐ ☒ ☐ Would the project physically divide an established community?

The ordinance does not facilitate the development of projects that are of a scale that can physically divide a community. In addition, the primary use of commercial zones are commercial uses, and would therefore not include the presence of an established residential community.

- e. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed ordinance is intended to facilitate the development of mixed use projects consistent with the General Plan and Housing Element. The ordinance will not trump established overlays and standards, including but not limited to, Community Standards Districts, or waive other required discretionary approvals, as applicable.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **land use** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

OTHER FACTORS - 4. Population/Housing/Employment/Recreation**SETTING/IMPACTS**

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project cumulatively exceed official regional or local population projections?
- Cumulatively and over time, the project could exceed population projections. However, as Southern California is in the midst of a housing crisis and the demand of housing exceeds the supply, any additional units created will likely address the shortfall of housing unit needs for the growing population, rather than contributing to the population growth.*
- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Could the project induce substantial direct or indirect growth in an area (e.g., through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?
- The projects facilitated by the ordinance will not be in areas that are not currently served by public water or sewer systems. The projects facilitated by this ordinance will occur in infill areas.*
- c. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project displace existing housing, especially affordable housing?
- If the project site includes existing residential uses and is redeveloped into a mixed use development, per this ordinance, it is possible that it could result in the displacement of housing, including affordable housing. However, if an existing affordable housing development is income restricted by a covenant and agreement, which runs with the land, the residential units in the new mixed use development would theoretically continue to be set-aside for the same income level served. However, as commercial uses are the primary uses in the applicable commercial zones, the displacement of housing is unlikely to happen as a result of this ordinance.*
- d. ☐ ☐ ☒ Could the project result in a substantial job/housing imbalance or substantial increase in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)?
- Projects may result in jobs/housing imbalance or increases in VMT's; however, mixed use developments is generally cited as a land use strategy to promote jobs/housing balance and decreasing VMT's.*
- e. ☒ ☐ ☐ Could the project require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents?
- Projects facilitated by this ordinance will introduce residential uses in the applicable commercial zones, and will require new or expanded recreational facilities for future residents.*
- f. ☐ ☐ ☒ Would the project displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?
- If a project site includes existing residential uses and is redeveloped as a mixed use development, per this ordinance, it is possible that it could result in the displacement of people. However, as the ordinance modifies commercial zones, the ordinance will increase housing opportunities rather than reduce them.*
- g. ☐ ☐ ☐ Other factors? _____

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☐ MITIGATION MEASURES / ☒ OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed ordinance is intended to facilitate the development of mixed use projects consistent with the General Plan and Housing Element. The ordinance will not supercede established overlays and standards, including but not limited to, Community Standards Districts, or waive other required discretionary approvals, as applicable. While this ordinance will provide more housing and job opportunities, the primary use of the applicable zones will still be commercial.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the physical environment due to **population, housing, employment, or recreational** factors?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/No impact

MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made:

Yes No Maybe

- a. ☐ ☒ ☐ Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

The ordinance does not apply to SEA's, ESHA's, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, hillside management areas, and areas that are not served by public water and sewer systems-where many sensitive biota tend to reside. In addition, the projects facilitated by the ordinance will likely occur in infill areas. Furthermore, cultural and historical resources identified by the General Plan Historical and Cultural Resources Element are not located in the applicable commercial zones.

- b. ☐ ☒ ☐ Does the project have possible environmental effects which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.

The projects facilitated by this ordinance will most likely be in urban areas, commercial corridors and infill areas, where even cumulatively, the environmental effects will not be considerable. In addition, the projects facilitated by this ordinance would be modest in scale and intensity relative to the underlying standards and permitted uses in the applicable commercial zones. For example, the projects facilitated by the ordinance would be restricted to a height of 60 ft in zones C-3 and C-M, where you could otherwise do 13 times the buildable area for commercial uses by-right.

- c. ☐ ☒ ☐ Will the environmental effects of the project cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

The use exceptions, performance standards and development standards in the ordinance are designed to ensure the compatibility between the commercial and residential uses. In addition, the ordinance modifies commercial zones, which do not have by-right uses that are substantially impactful. Those commercial uses that could potentially be located next to a project facilitated by this ordinance are subject to discretionary procedures, and will evaluate those impacts on a case by case basis.

CONCLUSION

Considering the above information, could the project have a significant impact (individually or cumulatively) on the environment?

☐ Potentially significant ☐ Less than significant with project mitigation ☒ Less than significant/ No impact

DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project **RADV T2006-00009** is a proposed ordinance amending Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to modify certain commercial zones to allow vertical mixed use (residential and commercial) developments and joint live and work units that adhere to specified use exceptions, performance standards and development standards through an administrative procedure; create a new Part 18 Mixed Use Developments and Part 19 Joint Live Work Units to add development and performance standards and use exceptions for applicable projects; and restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use.

The adoption of the proposed ordinance will amend, delete, and add sections to the County Code. The County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning has drafted proposed changes to the existing Zoning Ordinance that supports the implementation of programs and policies contained in the adopted General Plan and Housing Element. Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendments will add some development standards and change some review procedures for projects within the unincorporated areas. The Zoning Ordinance amendments are considered to be subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the analysis is contained herein.

It is important to note that while the proposed Title 22 amendments will not result in a physical change to the environment, they would in some cases make the permitting process for conforming projects easier by removing or reducing certain regulatory barriers to the development of vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units.

In addition, the proposed ordinance includes standards and exceptions for mixed use developments and joint live work units that conform to or are more restrictive than permitted standards and commercial uses in the underlying commercial zones. Those projects that do not meet the standards will continue to be subject to a discretionary procedure.

Development and performance standards for vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units:

The Zoning Ordinance sections addressing general regulations and standards for mixed-use projects would be integrated into a new Part 18 (Mixed Use Developments) and a new Part 19 (Joint Live and Work Units) of Chapter 22.52.

Use exceptions:

The proposed ordinance subjects the following uses for mixed use developments in certain commercial zones to permit: Adult entertainment/businesses; air pollution sampling stations; assaying; athletic fields; auction houses; automobile rental and leasing agencies; automobile sales; automobile sightseeing agencies; automobile supply stores; automotive and other vehicle repair, services, painting, storage, or upholstery, or the repair of engines, including automobiles, boats, motorcycles, trucks, or recreational vehicles; bakery goods distributors; beauty shops; boat and other marine sales; boat rentals; butane and propane service stations; car washes, automatic, coin operated, and hand wash; circus; communications equipment building; correctional institutions; dog kennels; dog training schools; dry cleaning establishments; dry cleaning plants, wholesale; earth stations; electric distribution substations, including microwave facilities; electric transmission substations and generating plants; fraternity and sorority; furniture transfer and storage; gas distribution depots, public utility; gas, industrial, including oxygen, acetylene, argon, carbon dioxide and similar gases in Interstate Commerce Commission approved-type cylinders; gas metering and control stations, public utility; golf course; golf driving ranges; heliport; helistop; hospitals; hotels; ice

sales; juvenile halls; laboratories, research, and testing; landing strips; laundry plants, wholesale; live entertainment; lodge halls; massage parlors; medical marijuana dispensaries; microwave stations; mobilehome parks; mobilehome sales; mobilehomes for use by a caretaker and his immediate family; mortuaries; motels; motion picture studios; motorcycle, motor scooter, and trail bike rentals; motorcycle, motor scooter, and trail bike sales; nightclubs; oil wells; parcel delivery terminals; pet stores; public utility service yards; radio and television broadcasting studios; recording studios; recreational trailer parks; recreational vehicle rentals; recreational vehicle sales; rental services; rifle, pistol, skeet or trap ranges; self-service storage facilities; sewage treatment plants; shooting galleries; storage or shipping of flammable liquids or hazardous materials beyond that normally associated with a residential use; taxidermists; telephone repeater stations; temporary uses; tire retreading or recapping; tool rentals, including roto-tillers, power mowers, sanders and saws, cement mixers, and other equipment; trailer rentals; trailer sales; travel trailer parks; truck rentals; water reservoirs, dams, treatment plants, gaging stations, pumping stations, tanks, wells and any use normal and appurtenant to the storage and distribution of water; welding, machining, or open flame work; youth hostels.

Provided that all development and performance standards for joint live and work units are met, the proposed ordinance permits the following uses for joint live and work units in certain commercial zones: antiques, the restoration of; architecture and building design; art studio, including painting and sculpturing; bookbinding; cartooning and animation; ceramics, the making of; clothing, the design and sewing of; commercial art; costume designing; engraving of metal products; furniture, the crafting and assembly of, including custom upholstery; glass, the hand production of, including glass blowing, glass, crystal, and art novelties, and the assembly of stained art glass; graphic design and display studio; interior decorating; jewelry, the creation of; leatherwork, using previously tanned leather; musical instruments, the creation and assembly of; offices for accountants, attorneys, computer software and multimedia professionals, consultants, insurance, real estate and travel agents, and engineers; ornamental metal, provided that there are no forging works or any process used in bending or shaping; photography studio; picture mounting and framing; pottery, the throwing of; printing and publishing; shoes, footwear, the fabrication of; signs; silk screen processing; textile weaving, hand looms only; toys, the production of; transcription studios; watchmaking; woodcarving; wood products, the crafting of.

In zone C-M, in addition to the uses specified above, the following assembly and manufacture from previously prepared materials, and excluding the use of drop hammers, automatic screw machines, punch presses exceeding five tons capacity and motors exceeding one horse power capacity that are used to operate lathes, drill presses, grinders or metal cutters, are permitted provided that all activities are conducted within an enclosed building: aluminum products; appliance assembly, electrical, electronic and electromechanical; bone products; canvas products; cellophane products; cloth products; cosmetics, excluding soap; equipment assembly, electrical, electronic and electromechanical; felt products; fur products; glass products and stained-glass assembly, provided no individual crucible shall exceed a capacity of 16 square feet; instrument assembly, electrical, electronic and electromechanical, including precision machine shops; jewelry manufacture; leather products, excluding machine belting; metal plating; metals, working and casting of rare, precious or semiprecious metals; optical goods manufacture; paper products; perfume manufacture; plastic products; shell products; stone products; textile products; toiletries, excluding soap; wicker and bamboo products; yarn products, excluding dyeing of yarn.

Other ordinance edits and updates: Minor edits were completed to provide consistency between Ordinance Sections, to clarify the applicability of certain provisions, and to provide updated references.

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These edits do not involve a substantive change.

According to CEQA requirements, the assessment of potential impacts resulting from a project (in this case, adoption of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments) is limited to the difference between the expected situation with the project (adoption of the proposed amendments), and the existing environment (no change to the existing Zoning Ordinance). Consistency between the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance is required by State Law. Even without the adoption of the proposed amendments, the same unincorporated land area could reasonably be developed with mixed use projects consistent with the General Plan and Housing Element. Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance amendments would not allow the development of housing that would not otherwise be allowed under the General Plan and Zoning. The vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units facilitated by this ordinance would promote the jobs-housing balance by putting jobs in proximity to housing. In addition, vertical mixed use developments and joint live and work units combine primarily neighborhood-serving commercial uses with residential uses, which promote more pedestrian-oriented activities and relatively less reliance on automobiles. This is considered to be a positive environmental impact, reducing driving time, reducing air pollutant emissions, promoting more compact development (reducing the need for greenfield development), among other benefits.

The project is consistent with the General Plan and Housing Element by encouraging mixed use projects in commercially designated areas, and offering the appropriate incentives, such as permit streamlining, to encourage more diversity of housing types and more housing opportunities in the unincorporated areas. In addition, the ordinance encourages a combination of residential and commercial uses that are relatively less intensive than the uses that are already allowed in the applicable commercial zones.

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REVISED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT NUMBER: RADV T2006-00007 Mixed Use Ordinance

1. DESCRIPTION: A proposed ordinance amending Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code to modify certain commercial zones to allow vertical mixed use (residential and commercial) developments and joint live and work units that adhere to specified use exceptions, performance standards and development standards through an administrative procedure; create a new Part 18 Mixed Use Developments and Part 19 Joint Live Work Units to add development and performance standards and use exceptions for applicable projects; and restructure various sections of Title 22 for consistency and ease of use. The projects do not apply to Significant Ecological Areas, Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas, Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, areas with a slope of 25% or greater, or areas not served by public water or sewer systems. In addition, the projects may be subject to additional standards specified in Community Standards District overlays. Projects will comply with Airport Land Use standards
2. LOCATION: Countywide.
3. PROPONENT: Initiated by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission.
4. FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS:
BASED ON THE INITIAL STUDY, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT.
5. THE LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS ON WHICH ADOPTION OF THIS NEGATIVE DECLARATION IS BASED:
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING, 320 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

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